

Election of directors of FSA: 2020

THIS INFORMATION WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO ALL FSA MEMBERS Application to become a Director and Trustee of the Forest School Association

Full Name: Nigel James Beales.....

Organisation/Freelance: Freelance (If you are involved with any organisation – please state the name of the organisation and position held).

Please tell us a bit about yourself (max 500 words), including;

- Why you are standing for FSA directorship?

I completed a Geography degree and Geography PGCE (Secondary) and have a passion for the outdoors and engaging young people in being outdoors and the experience this can bring. My university dissertation was about access to the countryside and engaging people in the outdoor environment. I have volunteered with the National Trust and even volunteered with the Icelandic National Park Authority.

I have been teaching since 2003, and worked in a variety of settings, in Manchester, Oxford, Brighton and Derby. I am currently working as a Secondary School teacher, working with SEMH students and students in pupil referral units.

It is important that young people are engaged with our planet, especially if they are from disadvantaged backgrounds. I have recently worked in an SEN setting and seen first hand the benefits from it in terms of physical and emotional well being. I am keen to promote engagement with Forest School within the secondary and SEN sector.

Environmental awareness is obviously headline news and I see the Forest School Organisation has an important role in promoting and engaging a diverse range of people in active environmental awareness. This is why I am therefore standing for the position of an FSA director.

- Your Forest School experience (and this is not necessarily a pre requisite but you will need to have some basic working knowledge of Forest School)

Completing Forest School Level Three qualification, and attended Forest School conference.

- How you personally can benefit the FSA.

I see this as an opportunity for continuing professional development, that will enhance my professional qualifications and the opportunity to engage with new people across the Forest School Network.

- Please declare any special interests or affiliations with other organisations in the Forest School sector including commercial, public sector or voluntary.

None