



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:..... Jo Phillips

Organisation/Freelance:.....None Individual.
 (If you are involved with any organisation – please state the name of the organisation and position held).

Sector Experience/Skills (please rate, with X, each from 0 to 3: 0 = no experience, 1 = general background/experience, 2 = Strong relevant experience, 3 = direct relevant experience):

Sector Experience	0	1	2	3
Early Years Forest School			x	
Primary Years Forest School			x	
Secondary Years Forest School		x		
Special Needs Forest School	x			
Play Sector		x		
Environmental Organisations involvement with Forest School			x	
County Council Forest School			x	
Academic Research for Forest School/Higher Education	x			
Outdoor learning				x
Forest/Woodland management		x		
Forest School Training	x			
Other (please specify) Knowledge of sustainability, climate change, Good environmental practise in outdoor learning.				x
Skills				
Media/Communications including social media			x	
Business/Marketing			x	
Fundraising		x		
Events			x	
Public Speaking			x	
Business Acumen			x	
Other (please specify)				



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

- Why you are standing for FSA directorship?

This will hopefully be my second term as a Director and it's an exciting time for the FSA. There is a new Project Officer in place and funding to provide stability and opportunities for exciting and new projects. This means that the FSA will be able to grow and expand on the work it has been doing in the past and I hope to be involved in these projects. Looking at the wider picture the world is a different place than it was when I first became a Director. We now find ourselves in a Climate Emergency and this means that we need to look at our provision in a broader sense and understand how we can ensure that we, as Forest School Leaders, are doing all we can to meet the needs of both the children and the environment. The FSA is in an ideal position to help all those involved feel part of something bigger as we move to a cleaner and greener future.

- 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)

I am self-employed so work and volunteer with a variety of organisations all linked with the environment. My role hasn't been one of delivery for many years but I have been an enabler and a promoter of Forest School in many ways. The role of a consultant is often to bring people together to create outcomes. I currently Chair the Essex FSA local Group and have done for a few years. I am pleased that we are able to offer regular practitioner meetings where anyone interested in learning more about Forest School can attend. As the Chair of this group and a current member of the National FSA Board it would only be right that I keep up to date with what is happening in not only the Forest school sector but also the wider Outdoor Learning industry.

How you personally can benefit the FSA.

I like people, especially small people covered in mud playing outside and I really like talking to these people about what they have done, how it makes them feel and then telling every adult I can find about how important it is and that this isn't a luxury this is how childhood should be. I take pleasure from seeing projects grow and come to fruition and there are lots of new projects happening within the FSA at the moment. I enjoy creativity and the challenge of thinking outside of the box and I will happily pass on ideas that will ultimately benefit our sole aim which is children and the environment. I am confident in the messages of the FSA and feel that I would be a good Ambassador. I have experience lobbying and have broad experience of the overall environment sector in which Forest School sits. Through various projects and contacts. I am not afraid to challenge and question should there be a need and I have a strong sense of justice to protect those working in the sector.

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

I am a Green Flag judge and there are occasions when I am judging sites that hold Forest School Sessions within them. On these occasions I always ensure that the Site Managers and staff are aware of my links to the FSA

Your information will form the basis for the members to vote in advance of the AGM – and your personal commitment to your role as a Director and Trustee of the Forest School Association.

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