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

Full Name: Sarah Elizabeth Lawfull

Organisation/Freelance: Where the Fruit Is – Director
 (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
Coaching: Executive Business Coaching, Systemic Team Coaching, Emotion Coaching and Time to Think				X
Skills				
Media/Communications including social media		X		
Business/Marketing			X	
Fundraising			X	
Events				X
Public Speaking				X
Business Acumen			X	
Advocacy / Campaigning				X
Networking / building partnerships				X



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Please select the most appropriate statement below (delete as necessary)

- I wish to support the FSA as a director/trustee of the association

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

- Why are you standing for FSA directorship?

I have contributed to the strategic work of the FSA as a member, as an endorsed trainer and as a director because I believe that Forest School has the potential to bring holistic education to life within our current system.

Forest School offers rich learning opportunities to individuals, schools, families and communities. Through embodying the Forest School ethos and principles practitioners are creating nature connected, playful, sustainable relationships, building the knowledge base, caring for people of all ages, empowering them to care for the planet.

The FSA, as the professional association, is raising the profile of Forest School, is building a supportive network across a wide range of freelance, mainstream, private and SEND education provisions and advocates for nature to be embedded within every child and young person's school life. I want to be part of the story!

I want to serve the Forest School community and advocate for every child to be given opportunities to explore the natural world and build resilience through challenging risky play. I believe quality Forest School engenders curiosity, gives rise to purpose driven, compassionate living. Through learning in, from, through and about nature we will create a better, more harmonious 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 have led Forest School programmes within mainstream and SEND schools, with preschools and family groups. I have been a Forest School trainer for almost 15 years and a director of the FSA for the last 3 years. In this role I have been the FSA rep with Forest Education Network England and supported the FSA conference delivery. I am a committed member of the Ox, Bucks, Berks FSA affiliated group from whom I receive great support. I contributed to the latest iteration of the Forest School qualifications and value being a member of the FSA Endorsed Trainers group.

- How you personally can support the FSA.

I am passionate about lifelong learning, building learning communities and am committed to supporting the FSA. The ethos and principles of Forest School align with my personal values and I seek to embody these in all areas of my life.

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I am motivated to develop quality training, resources and mechanisms that will support FSA members and reach out into the wider Forest School community.

Through the pandemic I have contributed to the Nature Premium campaign, made connections and built effective working relationships with many organisations and individuals across outdoor learning, education, political, environmental, financial, business, private and corporate sectors.

I want to draw on the strengths, skills and wisdom of our members, building the efficacy of us a professional body within the context of the wider environmental and outdoor learning sector. Ensuring the ethos, principles and value of quality Forest School are understood within mainstream education and the health sector we will promote the holistic well-being, learning and development of all.

I am an experienced primary and early years teacher, youth leader. I have trained as an executive business coach, developing skills in systemic team coaching and emotion coaching, gaining accreditation in all three areas.

I bring systems thinking which is vital for us to understand the bigger picture and see where Forest School may offer solutions to the many challenges facing families, schools, wider society and the global picture, on a micro and macro level.

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

I run my own coaching, training and consultancy company, Where the Fruit Is. I actively support our partner organisation the Children's Forest and am working with the National Forest and Leicester City Football Club as part of the Community Forest and Woodlands Outreach project. I have worked collaboratively with the Sylva Foundation, Nicholson's Nursery and Berkeley Reafforestation in Oxfordshire as well as Oxford Brookes University and the Oxford Hub. I am a recognised provider for Oxfordshire County Council and am leading on their Early Years 'Nature Now' project, post Covid.

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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If accepted as a Director I confirm I will abide by the FSA Professional Code of Conduct & Memorandum and Articles and also the legal requirements and responsibilities of a Director as directed by Companies House in the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011. I agree that the FSA may hold my personal information before, during and continue to do so after I fulfil the role of director.

Signed:  Date: 24.04.21

Full Name: Sarah Elizabeth Lawfull
Title: Mrs

Please email a completed copy of this document to enquiries@forestschoolassociation.org by **30th April 2021**. A signed hard copy of this final page will need to be sent to our offices before **22nd May 2021**.