

Homeless Network Scotland

we are all in



Nomination Form
Board of Directors
2024-25

Annual election to the Board of Directors of **Homeless Network Scotland**

Who we are

Homeless Network Scotland is the national membership body of people and organisations committed to ending homelessness in Scotland.

We act on evidence and are informed by people with direct experience of homelessness and by the breadth of our members' insights and knowledge.

We provide direction, connect people and work to inspire the values and vision that will transform Scotland into a place where everyone has a home.

Our vision

We want to transform Scotland into a place where everyone has a home.

And we believe this is possible, with the right policies, resources and relationships.

Our Board is instrumental in Homeless Network Scotland's contribution to that vision.

Why we exist

Decades of hard work in our sector and government has resulted in progressive homelessness policy and rights in Scotland. But factors including financial pressures and global events mean our work must continue, because:

- Homelessness is not always prevented or responded to quickly enough.
- There is not enough social and affordable housing, exacerbated by world events and UK policy.
- People are affected by rough sleeping and destitution in Scotland.
- The system for responding to homelessness is not always joined up or based on evidence of what works.
- National and local policies and rights are strong but change on the ground is slow.
- People with lived experience of homelessness need to be more involved in driving solutions.

How we operate

We want to be a valued and confident organisation that listens, learns and is always moving forward.

We want our partners to consider us knowledgeable and reliable. We are committed to being an inclusive and equality competent organisation, and to communicate in plain language.

And we want our people (our board, staff and associates) to have challenging and rewarding work, where performance is appraised, talent nurtured, and people have opportunities to develop and progress.

The Board of Directors

A Board member of Homeless Network Scotland is a non-executive company director and a charity trustee. The Board of Directors:

- Work in the interests of Homeless Network Scotland and further its influence and its strategic and charitable aims.
- Take part in reviewing the strategy of Homeless Network Scotland and accounting for its activities and impact.
- Ensure that Homeless Network Scotland functions within the legal and financial requirements of a charitable organisation and strives to achieve best practice.

The appointment

The term of office would normally be three years, before standing for re-election.

Time commitment

The Board meets quarterly on a Thursday, from 4.00-6.00pm which are typically online meetings. There is also one full-day annual strategic planning day which is in-person.

Nomination

Current members of Homeless Network Scotland are invited to make a nomination for election to the Board of Directors. It is important that the Board reflects the diversity of our network and represents its range of skills and expertise, and we rely on our members to help us do this through the election system at our AGM.

Please contact janice@homelessnetwork.scot if you want to stand for election but are not currently a member of Homeless Network Scotland, either as an individual or organisation. This can usually be resolved quickly.

We invite you, with our thanks, to share your nomination in the form below.



Nomination Form

Name of Nominee

Organisation
(if appropriate)

Address

Telephone

E-mail

Signature of nominee
in consent

Authorised by
(for organisations)

Date

As a part of the election process, it is useful for members to know a little about the nominee and their work experience. This information will be published in the election papers. Please provide a short biography on why you wish to be a member of the Board of Directors and the skills and experiences you will bring to the role.

Please return your completed nomination form to Janice Higgins by **Wednesday 23 October 2024**
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