

## **Standing Committees FAQs**

### **Why should I volunteer?**

As well as making a positive contribution to the LI, fellow members and the profession you will enjoy a rewarding experience working with peers passing on your skills and experience, whilst also making a real difference.

### **How do I know which Committee to apply for?**

Look at the Terms of Reference and role descriptions and the skills each committee is looking for, to see which best matches your proficiencies. Consider where your passions lie and where you feel you can contribute the most. You can apply for more than one committee but will be selected to join only one if successful.

### **How long can I be a member on a committee?**

Terms of Office for committee members will be two years – renewable for a further two terms on agreement with the Chair of the Committee, up to a maximum of three terms or 6 years.

### **Will there be an induction?**

The LI will hold an online event for new volunteers to meet each other and to hear from experienced volunteers, learning more about their role and the experience of being a volunteer. LI staff will be there to support. And you will have more informal conversations with LI staff supporting each Committee and the Committee Chair.

### **What is the time commitment?**

The Committees will meet at least quarterly for an average of 2-3 hours per meeting. Most of these will be held online but at least one per year will be held in-person. Members may also participate in other activities according to the committee they represent. This could include writing /contributing to tasks, attending meetings within the LI or with other key stakeholders.

### **What support is there?**

Each committee has an executive lead from the LI's Senior Leadership Team and secretariat support from LI staff.

### **When will I know if I have been successful?**

We will reply to applications within a few weeks. We will review all submissions and select candidates for a short online interview towards the end of March. We will be let applicants know if they've been successful shortly after the interview.

### **When will my role begin?**

April 2025 with the first meeting held soon afterwards, based on the availability of members.

### **Will my expenses be covered?**

Membership of the Committee is undertaken on a voluntary basis and is not remunerated. Expenses related to delivering the work of the Committee will be reimbursed as per the LI's expenses policy.

Where you attend a meeting in-person this must be pre-agreed by the LI.

For more information, please read the [LI expenses reimbursement guide](#).

### **What can I do if I want to volunteer but don't think I have enough spare time?**

There are many ways to use your expertise and experience in support of the LI - see [engage](#).

In addition, the Committees will have specialist Task and Finish Groups that report into them. If you have any specialist experience, you feel would be beneficial but would prefer not to join a Standing Committee please do get in touch. There will be a variety of ways you can contribute.

**What happens to members who are already in a Task and Finish or Working Group?**

These groups will continue and report into the relevant Standing Committee. There may be some changes that come later as the Committees work to improve procedures.