**London Funders Board election 2023 – Information Sheet**

1 **Election at AGM 22 November 2023**

At the AGM in November we will be electing members to our Trustee Board. Existing Trustees who are coming to the end of their three-year terms will be eligible to stand again (subject to the maximum term limits), and prospective Trustees are asked to consider this opportunity to join our Board.

2 **What does being a Board member involve?**

London Funders is a charitable company. The Board is our governing body. It has 12 elected members and up to three co-opted members. The Board meets four times a year, normally for a two hour meeting, and for one further strategic planning session (usually a half day). There is an expectation that each member will lead on or get involved in some aspect of London Funders’ work. This can range from chairing a working group or project group, to helping plan one of our meetings, depending on their time and interest.

Trustees are elected for a three-year term. Our rules allow for trustees to stand for a total of three terms of three years if they wish, and after nine consecutive years they must stand down for at least a year.

3 **Who is eligible to stand for the Board?**

Anyone in an organisation that is a full member (associate members are not eligible to stand for election) of London Funders is eligible, an up to date list is available [here](http://www.londonfunders.org.uk/members/our-members). They can be staff or board/committee members of the member organisation. If you need contact details for anyone you have in mind to nominate, contact Grace Perry on grace.perry@londonfunders.org.uk

Our Articles remind us of three factors to guide decisions about the make-up of the Board. They suggest that London Funders’ members be mindful of the advantages of having a board whose membership is:

* balanced between representatives of funders of different sizes, types and geographical locations;
* inclusive of disabled people and as regards gender, sexual orientation and age; and
* diverse as regards ethnic, cultural and religious background.

You might also want to take other factors into account such as the skills that a membership network like London Funders needs.

We have completed a role, diversity and skills audit of the current Trustee Board and have published this alongside this information sheet.

4 **How do I make a nomination/get myself nominated?**

Each of our member organisations has one named individual who is the primary contact and we are sending this information and a copy of the nomination form to these primary contacts. To nominate someone, please use the nomination form. You will need the nominee’s confirmation, on the same form, that they are willing to stand. Nominations must be received by **5pm Monday 6 November 2023** along with a brief biography of the nominee (300 words maximum) by email to james.banks@londonfunders.org.uk