



Written statement on engaging with the IHBC's governance

By David McDonald, IHBC Chair

'As we all know, the strength of the IHBC lies in the willingness of its members to contribute to its activities. The Institute is always pleased to hear from members willing to contribute their skills, time and experience, either at local or national level. Of course this includes our ongoing calls for volunteers willing and able to take on the substantial role and duties of trustees on our Board.'

A starting point for active voluntary involvement for IHBC members of all categories may be on national and regional Branch Committees or on our four national Committees, covering membership, policy, education and communications. These also offer opportunities to learn about and contribute to our governance, as you build skills for trustee roles.'

'Today, participation in our new constitutional advisory and training Council is probably the best way to taste the formal responsibilities and operations of the Institute's governance and operations at a national level. You can join either as a Branch representative or simply by attending as an IHBC member and, by default, also a member of Council. Our most recent Council offered free training on trustee roles, and that thread will continue through future Councils.'

'As ever, I am happy to answer any questions members might like to raise, as are all our Board members and officers.'

If you are interested in a voluntary role as an IHBC Trustee, you can explore trustee duties and obligations 'in real life' simply by contacting any trustee post-holder direct or through your Branch, or any member of our National Office, starting with an email to our Administrator and Company Secretary Lydia Porter at admin@ihbc.org.uk, or to our Director Seán O'Reilly at director@ihbc.org.uk.'

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