

## The Role of the Education and Professional Development Trustee

The Education and Professional Development Trustee is a **Director and Trustee** of the British Neuroscience Association (BNA). The Education and Professional Development Trustee is therefore listed with both Companies House and the Charity Commission.

The term of office is four years.

The Education and Professional Development Trustee, as with all Trustees, is an unremunerated position. Reasonable travel expenses will be covered in line with BNA policies.

This role is central to one of the BNA's core aims: supporting members throughout their neuroscience education and career development. The Education and Professional Development Trustee plays a strategic leadership role in shaping BNA initiatives related to training, accreditation, and ongoing professional growth across all career stages and pathways.

Although all Trustees are jointly responsible for the governance, decision-making and strategic direction of the BNA, the Education and Professional Development Trustee is expected to take the lead at Council level on:

- Chairing the Education and Professional Development Committee (meeting three times per year)
- Leading the strategic development and oversight of the BNA's Training and Accreditation Programme
- Identifying opportunities and proposing new initiatives to enhance neuroscience education and professional development
- Ensuring the BNA's educational activities align with the organisation's core principles, including credibility, EDI (Equity, Diversity and Inclusion), and sustainability
- Advising Council on trends and policies in neuroscience education and research training, including those affecting academic, clinical, industry, and technical career routes

The Education and Professional Development Trustee will work closely with the Head of Partnerships and Development, alongside the BNA executive and other Advisory Board and Committee chairs, to ensure coherent and impactful delivery of BNA's education-related goals.

This role is elected by the BNA Membership and ratified by the BNA Council.

### More information

For full details of all aspects of governance applying to Trustees, see the Articles and Rules of Association.

More information about being a Trustee can be found in Charity Commission publication, ['The Essential Trustee.'](#)