



Recruitment: Sheffield Chamber Non-Executive Director

We are looking for Non-Executive Directors to help build the strongest Chamber in the UK

Do you believe Sheffield can be the best place in the UK to run a successful and sustainable business?

Overly ambitious? Sheffield Chamber of Commerce thinks not. That is why we are on a mission to make it happen. Along the way we're going to build the strongest Chamber of Commerce in the UK.

We need some big thinkers, change makers and challengers to help us with this journey. Sound intriguing then carry on reading.

We're looking for at least 1 Non-Executive Director. We would love to hear from anyone who thinks they can play a meaningful role in strengthening Sheffield Chamber of Commerce. We know a strong Chamber can lead the way in making Sheffield the best place to start, grow and run a successful and sustainable business.

Commitment: 3-year term, 12 yearly board and attendance at occasional additional meetings when a NED presence is required. Please see full details below.

What are we looking for?

You will be from the business community and willing bring enthusiasm, and influence to support Sheffield Chamber of Commerce (SCCI) work and vision for the future. Previous board experience is essential, and this knowledge could have been gained by time spent on a Limited company board, as a charity trustee, school or HE institution governor or even club committee member.

The role requires someone with a passion for Sheffield and a passion for the role business can play in strengthening the city. Who want someone to help shape SCCI into a Chamber of the Future, and play a fundamental part in rewiring how the city's business community works together. The board also benefits from outside contacts and opinions, so a good network of experienced connections would be preferred.

NED's act as a critical friend to the board; you will need to bring an external, independent perspective to the Board, assist with strategy, help develop the business and ensure that any risks are suitably managed. As a NED you will be expected to challenge and advise the executive directors, in line with SCCI values and ambitions and help to reach balanced judgements and decisions. This will require you to bring your courage, integrity, common sense to the role and the ability to communicate with clarity, objectivity and brevity.

Specialist professional skills (HR, finance, law) would be preferred, but are not essential.

We're genuinely passionate about creating an inclusive board that promotes and values diversity and is reflective of the SCCI membership and our diverse city. We encourage applications from anyone and anywhere in the city.

How will you benefit?

- The position offers a real opportunity to be involved in an organisation that has huge aspirations for its team, membership and the city region; and you can part of this collaborative success.
- Becoming a NED for SCCI will broaden your experience of board dynamics, and specific training will be offered where available to help support you in the role.
- You will have the opportunity to help to mould the future of business in Sheffield and play a pivotal role in how SCCI supports the city's dynamic business community. You will be able to develop your communication, negotiation and diplomacy skills in a board setting.
- You will expand your networks and grow your profile across all sectors within the SCR and beyond.

What is the level of Commitment?

- A NED is appointed for a 3 year term, during this time they are expected to attend all board meetings when possible.
- There are 12 board meetings a year, lasting approx. 2 hours. A NED is expected to read and understand the board papers which are provided in advance of each meeting.
- NED's are at times asked to join Chamber Council meetings, to engage with and feedback to Council members.
- As a NED you will have the same level of legal responsibility as an Executive Director, it is important that this liability is understood and accepted.
- A broad understanding of SCCI operations and its wider Management team is expected. During an induction process you will be given the knowledge to understand the role and responsibilities of SCCI and meet the team.
- Throughout a term NED's are expected to maintain some contact with the Senior Leadership team at SCCI; offering additional advice, feedback and support when needed.

If you are interested in the role, please contact SCCI Nominations Committee Chair, Grace Brierley (grace.brierley@museums-sheffield.org.uk) with your expression of interest by Midday, 27th November 2020. Briefly tell us (250 words) about your experience and why you are interested in joining the board or we would welcome a short intro video if you prefer.

Successful applicants will be invited to interview the W/C 7 and 14 December, to join the board from January.

If you have any further questions regarding the positions please do not hesitate to contact current NED Vickie Brown; vickieclarkebrown@gmail.com