

New Voluntary Opportunity:

Neighbourly Lab Board Vacancy - income generation expertise

Neighbourly Lab is seeking an enthusiastic and engaged non-executive Board member to help us refine our business development strategy, identify key opportunities, expand our network and reach, and diversify our funding sources.

This is a pivotal moment in Neighbourly Lab's evolution as we enter our 7th year, with an increasing focus and importance placed on the work that we do (e.g. addressing social fracture, supporting community led investment in neighbourhood renewal). We're looking for someone who is calm under pressure, willing to challenge us, and keen to support with guidance and introductions to potential opportunities.

About us

Neighbourly Lab is a non-profit research and innovation organisation focused on understanding what works to create stronger and more connected communities in the UK.

We are at an exciting moment in Neighbourly Lab's evolution where the need for the work that we do has never felt more necessary: with a push across government to tackle social fracture and promote community connection, large scale investment in neighbourhood renewal, creation of new communities to meet ambitious house building targets, and the public service reform movement.

About the Board role

To support this work, we are looking for an enthusiastic and engaged non-executive Board member to help us refine our business development strategy, identify key opportunities, expand our network and reach, and diversify our funding sources.

Key responsibilities:

Income generation support

- Support with identifying potential opportunities and funders
- Make introductions to relevant partners
- Review and challenge our business development strategy
- Ad hoc review/input into relevant opportunities to offer advice (within reason)

Organisational governance

- To provide oversight support to the executive leadership team with constructive challenge, accountability, risk management and input on governance procedures
- Upholding all relevant fiduciary and legal duties as a board member
- Attending five board meetings per year, and any special meetings as they arise

Please note this is a voluntary role

About you

We're looking for someone who is calm under pressure, willing to challenge us, and keen to be more hands on with support, guidance and introductions to potential opportunities.

We're a small, busy and mission-driven team. We're looking for Board members who are aligned in our mission and organisational values.

Your experience:

- Experienced executive (10-15yrs+ career experience) who has experience with strategy development and long term decision making
- Leading/have led a small or growing team, and understands the unique opportunities and pressures that this provides
- Strong background in income generation - e.g. grant applications, client services work
- Ideal (though not essential) that you would have experience in some of our key areas of focus - e.g. Housing, Social Cohesion, Public Service Reform

If you're the right fit for the role

If we and you decide that you're the right person to take on this role, we may need to conduct reference checks before official appointment

Once appointed, we will provide you with:

- A structured induction process - briefing meeting, introduction to the team etc
- Access to key organisational documents to better understand our work
- Opportunities to join thinking sessions to better understand the work and team

We are excited to work with someone new who will bring fresh thinking and challenge to the organisation. If you think this could be you, please contact Grainne, our interim MD, for further discussion - grainne@neighbourlylab.com