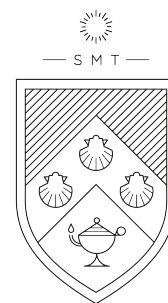


Role Description



The Southlands Liaison Group (SLG) and the Southlands Methodist Trust (SMT) are seeking expressions of interest from those wishing to be considered as new members/trustees. Appointments are made simultaneously to both bodies, on the recommendation of those groups to the Methodist Council.

We are especially seeking expressions of interest from well-qualified individuals who will expand the diversity of our membership.

The SMT and SLG normally meet 3 times per year (and rarely more than 4 times). The dates for their meetings can be made flexibly around the availability of its members, though they normally coincide with university terms and take place on weekday afternoons.

Members of the groups occasionally take on additional roles, such as supporting grants scrutiny processes.

We encourage our members/trustees to take an active part in the life of the college and its university, inviting them to attend a number of events and activities through the year and to work with us on any relevant projects. As such, we would hope that new members would be able and willing to accommodate travel to the University of Roehampton on a number of additional occasions each year.

The positions are not remunerated, but costs of travel and associated activities performed for the Trust will be reimbursed.

In addition to our core membership, the Trust is seeking expressions of interest for nomination as Chair of the two groups, and also the Methodist Church's nominee to the Council of the University of Roehampton (its governing body) – the latter being a role to be held concurrently with membership of the SLG and SMT. Those wishing to be considered for these roles should indicate in their expressions of interest.

Information about Southlands

Southlands College is a constituent college of the University of Roehampton in South West London. Founded in 1872 as a teacher training college for Methodist women, it is now an integrated part of a modern university, teaching a broad liberal arts syllabus.

The University of Roehampton is firmly committed to widening access and to breaking down structural disadvantages. We have around 10,000 students on campus – two thirds undergraduate and a third postgraduate and research. The majority of our students are first generation into university and they bring knowledge and experience

from all walks of life. The majority are female and, of those who declared their ethnicity, more than half are from underrepresented groups. More than half come from the bottom two quintiles of the Index of Multiple Deprivation – demonstrating considerable resilience to arrive at the university and progress through their degrees.

Southlands College is home to the university's Faculty of Business and Law. The Faculty has shaped its curriculum and research portfolio to align with the College's enduring values, which are still shaped by the Methodist Church's commitments to equality, social justice, inclusion, and sustainability. It is the most diverse of Roehampton's colleges, with 80% of its students coming from ethnic groups underrepresented in higher education. It is also the largest college, with around 6,000 students, most of which are postgraduates, commuters to university, and students of the Faculty of Business and Law.

The Southlands Liaison Group is the forum in which the life and activities of Southlands College as they relate to the Methodist Church are overseen, discussed, and scrutinized. The Group holds specific responsibilities for the maintenance of good working relationships between the Church and the university especially, though not exclusively, through the activities of Southlands College. It holds responsibilities for oversight of the Methodist ethos of Southlands and the fulfilment of the legal requirements and arrangements made in forming Southlands as a constant college of the University of Roehampton.

The Southlands Methodist Trust is a charitable body of the Methodist Church associated with Southlands College, which aims to nurture the college community at Southlands and to further the research interests of the Church through the university. It sponsors a [range of activities](#), including the work of the college chaplaincy and student engagement programmes, and focuses its resources as the parent body of the [Susanna Wesley Foundation](#). The Trust is currently engaged in a large-scale redevelopment project for the Mount Clare Estate – a Grade 1 listed building and modern student accommodation near Southlands College.

Process

Interested individuals should send a covering letter and cv/equivalent to the Secretary to the Trust, Jackie Brown, at Jackie.brown@roehampton.ac.uk setting out their interest in the role and the skills and experience they would bring to it.

Those wishing to have a conversation about the role should email Jackie, who will arrange a conversation with the relevant person.

Discernment and nominations processes will be conducted under the leadership of the Chief Executive and trustees of the Southlands Methodist Trust.