**Education and Literacy** 

# **Regional Chair**

#### **WEA West Midlands**

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#### **Description:**

- Chairing Regional Committee meetings, Strategy and Finance (or equivalent sub-committee) and the Regional Annual General Meeting
- Working with the Regional Education Manager to ensure effective scrutiny and strategic planning by providing leadership, pulling together various strands of policy, strategy and governance and leading governance input into monitoring of operational and improvement plans.
- Liasing with the Regional Education Manager to ensure the effective servicing of the region's voluntary structures
- Meeting regularly with the Regional Education Manager to scrutinise the effective management of the region; occasionally participating in recruitment panels for regional staff
- Taking a lead role in succession planning, including the development of existing members and the recruitment of new and diverse volunteers to the committee
- Travelling within the region to meet with volunteers from all programme areas and projects
- Acting as an advocate for the WEA and the region and participating in the Association Council.
- Attend WEA Council meetings, 3 times a year in various locations.

You may need some training to help you continuously update your personal and IT skills required for your governance role. We are developing a standard governance training programme which includes: Induction; Safeguarding; Scrutiny; and Effective Meetings.

## **Organisation Description:**

The Workers' Educational Association (WEA), West Midlands Region is part of the WEA. The WEA was founded in 1903 and is the largest voluntary sector provider of adult education in Britain. Through adult education the WEA challenges and inspires individuals, communities and society to work for a better world. Our primary function is that of an adult education provider but we are also an independent movement campaigning for education and providing 'thought leadership' on many aspects of public policy. Our Mission is to:

- o Raise educational aspirations
- o Bring great teaching and learning to local communities
- o Ensure there is always an opportunity for adults to return to learning
- o Develop educational opportunities for the most disadvantaged
- o Involve students and supporters as members to build an education movement for social purpose
- o Inspire students, teachers and members to become active citizens

# When Required:

Opportunity takes place from Fri 30 May 2014 to Sun 30 Nov 2014 Fri PM

Commitment: Part Time

#### **Areas of Interest:**

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#### **Types of Activity:**

Trusteeship and Committee Work

#### **Skills and Qualifications:**

Applications are welcome from anyone who can work collaboratively and demonstrate effective leadership.

Please submit an expression of interest to westmidlands@wea.org.uk.

### Additional/Specific Suitabilities:

**Age/Gender Restrictions:** 19+ **Disabled Access:** YES **Equal Opportunities Policy:** YES **Expenses:** YES YES Induction: **Insurance Cover:** YES Support on offer: YES **Training:** YES

#### **Directions:**

#### **Recruitment Method:**

Interviews, References

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