

# The Role and Duties of Trustees in ALT

The main duties and activities of trustees are outlined below.

## 1. The general duties as the Trustee of a charity like ALT are to:

- Ensure that the organization complies with its governing documents, charity and company law, and other relevant legislation or regulations.
- ♦ Ensure that the organization pursues its objects as defined in its governing documents.
- ♦ Ensure that the organization applies its resources exclusively to the pursuit of its objects.
- Give firm strategic direction to the organization, setting overall policy, defining goals, setting targets and evaluating performance against agreed targets.
- ♦ Safeguard the good name and the ethos of the organization.
- ♦ Ensure the effective and efficient administration of the organization.
- ♦ Appoint the chief executive officer and monitor his/her performance.

## 2. Specific activities of Trustees in ALT include the following:

- ♦ Attending meetings of the Central Executive Committee (normally three p.a.).
- ♦ Participating in policy discussions and the production of consultation responses.
- Contributing to the drafting and monitoring of the ALT Strategy (for the 2014-17 Strategy see <u>http://repository.alt.ac.uk/2330/</u>).
- Chairing ALT Operational Committees (currently Membership Development; Committee for Communication and Publications; Committee for FE and Cross-Sector Engagement) or task groups which are set up from time to time.
- ♦ Helping to promote the Association.

## 3. Nominees for Trustee positions should be aware that:

- Trustees in ALT personally hold limited legal and financial responsibilities on behalf of the charitable incorporated organisation.
- Trustees are governed by English Law as it relates to Charity Trustees and work in line with the Charity Commission Guidelines (see <u>http://www.charity-comission.gov.uk</u>).
- ALT's permanent staff are appointed into the employ of Oxford Brookes University so the Trustees do not hold direct responsibility as an employer.
- ALT provides indemnity insurance for its Trustees, in keeping with good practice for the management of charities.

### ALT is a registered charitable incorporated organisation, charity number 1160039

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