

Opportunity to join The Restart Project's Board of Trustees

Do you share our frustration with throwaway electronics and the growing mountain of e-waste? Join us as a trustee at The Restart Project and help us to fix this.

Who we are?

The Restart Project is a social enterprise and volunteer-driven movement to encourage and empower people to use their electronics longer and better in order to reduce waste and radically transform our relationship with technology.

We run community electronics repair events in London, called Restart Parties, and help others outside of London replicate them. At these, volunteers learn how to repair their broken electronics, and rethink how they consume them in the first place. And we use the data and stories we collect to help demand better, more sustainable electronics for all.

We started hosting Restart Parties in London in 2012 and registered as a charity in 2013. Our core staff team consists of 5.5 FTE and we work with a network of volunteers and freelance consultants to deliver projects. Though we started locally with hands-on community activities, our mission is big: to "fix" our throw-away relationship with electronics, so that we become happier and more sustainable.

What you will be doing?

As a member of our board, you'll join a group of dedicated trustees who are passionate about our work, who feel pride in what we've achieved and are excited about our ambitions for the future.

The trustees are collectively responsible for the overall governance and strategic direction, and for developing our aims, objectives and strategy in accordance with governing documents, and legal and regulatory guidelines.

What are we looking for?

Trustees have the following responsibilities:

- To ensure we comply with our governing document, charity law, company law and any other relevant legislation or regulations;
- To set the strategic direction with the team;
- To provide advice, guidance and support to staff;
- To ensure the financial stability of The Restart Project;
- To bring insight and perspective through relevant experience;
- To demonstrate a commitment to the vision, values and objectives of The Restart Project;

- To adhere to the principles of equality, inclusivity and diversity;
- To attend Board meetings which are held four times a year. From time to time, there may be other events, meetings or functions to which Trustees will be invited.
- To understand and accept the legal duties, responsibilities and liabilities of being a trustee;
- To have a passion for electronics, waste prevention or fixing and/or making.

In this round of trustee recruitment, we would particularly welcome applications from people with experience in:

- Design and digital;
- Civic technology and software;
- Data analysis or business intelligence;
- Communications, marketing and public relations;
- Political strategy and policy;
- People (AKA “human resources”)
- Grassroots campaigning activities.

However, having trustees with a mix of backgrounds, approaches and perspectives leads to better decision-making and we are happy to receive applications from anyone wanting to make a difference.

What difference will you make?

Our vision is to fix our relationship with electronics, with people and the planet at the centre.

We have three main objectives:

1. Change in perceptions and behaviours - people use stuff longer and appreciate it more
2. Emergence of dense networks (composed of community groups, makerspaces, schools, SMEs, local authorities) - promoting a people-centred resource efficiency
3. Devices that are sustainable and effective standards for resource-efficient electronics

Our recent projects have included:

- Hosting Fixfest UK - a gathering for people who are actively involved in community repair from Belfast to Leeds to Brighton. At this event, we created and signed the [Manchester Declaration](#) - which calls for UK policymakers and companies to take seriously our desire to repair and keep products for longer, removing the existing barriers.
- REFER - working on an educational project with universities across Europe to produce products containing information about the raw materials used in the production of our electrical items and hopefully inspire people to think twice before they dispose of their devices.
- Restarters.net - we've created the first global online space for people involved in community repair to meet, manage events, measure impact and share learning. It

combines our tool for organising events and measuring their impact with our wiki and a new discussion forum. This is for fixer volunteers to join with event hosts, and spread community repair.

What's in it for you?

The Restart Project is now delivering its current strategy to tackle these challenges and this is an opportunity to be at the heart of driving forward this work.

To apply, please send a short statement and your CV outlining why you want to become a trustee at The Restart Project to frances@therestartproject.org