

Multiple Sclerosis New Zealand – Co-opted Committee Member with Fundraising and Partnership Expertise



Multiple Sclerosis New Zealand (MSNZ) is the National organisation for people with Multiple Sclerosis (MS) and their families.

MSNZ delivers advocacy, information, awareness, and education so people living with MS can independently live their best lives. We do this by providing a voice for people with Multiple Sclerosis, their families and carers through leadership, advocacy, communication, and national and international collaboration.

MSNZ supports 18 Regional Societies who deliver support, advice, and advocacy to people with MS and their families. The National Executive Committee provides governance to the small team of employees based in Christchurch, led by the National Manager.

Person Specification

MSNZ is looking for an individual with skills in fundraising, partnerships and/or marketing to provide direction to the Executive Committee based on sound knowledge and experience. The co-opted member will provide leadership and strategic direction to the governance team in the development of a national fundraising and corporate partnerships strategy.

We are looking for an individual who has a strong empathy with our mission. Specific knowledge of Multiple Sclerosis, community-based organisations and chronic health and disabilities is useful but not necessary.

This is a volunteer role, but expenses are reimbursed.

Ideally the successful candidate will demonstrate experience in the following areas:

- Operating within a board or committee in a charitable, public sector or commercial entity. If limited experience, a good understanding of governance responsibilities and experience working with Boards will be considered.
- Development of fundraising and corporate partnerships.
- Strategic planning.
- Building and sustaining relationships with key stakeholders and colleagues to achieve objectives.
- A proven track record of sound judgement and effective decision making.
- A history of impartiality, fairness, and the ability to respect confidences.
- Commitment to promoting equality and diversity.

Knowledge, skills and understanding:

- Commitment to the Society and a willingness to devote the necessary time and effort.
- Preparedness to make unpopular recommendations to the Committee, and a willingness to speak their mind, based on sound analysis.
- Understanding of requirement to put personal views aside to reach consensus in decisions which best meet the Society's needs.
- Willingness to be available for subcommittee or portfolio responsibilities as required.
- Willingness to support the operational team with governance guidance.
- Good, independent judgement and strategic vision.
- An understanding and acceptance of the legal duties, responsibilities, and liabilities of Committee membership.
- An ability to work effectively as a member of a team.
- An understanding of the respective roles of the Chair, Committee Members, and Management.

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Meetings

4-6 meetings are held a year with a mix of in-person and virtual. In person meetings are all day. Costs relating to travel are funded by MSNZ. If a 2-day meeting is required, MSNZ will also arrange accommodation.

Subcommittee meetings are held in-between all Committee Meetings and frequency varies depending on the project or purpose. Subcommittee meetings are held virtually.

Meeting locations vary.

Application Process

Applicants should send a copy of their CV and a brief outline of experience they offer the position to MSNZ President Neil Woodhams president@msnz.org.nz (021 531 654).

Applications close 19 April 2023 unless the position is fulfilled earlier.

Selection will be by interview. Round 1 by Zoom and Round 2 in person at an agreed time and location with recommendation to Board from there.