

## *Committee Member*

The British Society of Soil Science (BSSS) has vacancies for members to join its committees at various points throughout the year. The current committees which are open to applications from members to join, are:

- Early Careers' Committee
- Education Committee
- Grants and Awards Committee
- Professional Practice Committee.

The BSSS is the UK's leading body in the area of soil science with a global reach. We strive to secure the future of soils by promoting an enhanced understanding of the critical importance of soils in delivering the U.N. Sustainable Development Goals and supplying knowledge, through our science to support efforts to halt and repair soil degradation. We aim to make a positive difference in the sustainable management and long-term security of soils that is critical to solving the environmental and societal challenges we face today. The Society is a registered charity.

Committees are responsible for delivering the annual strategy set by our Council. Council's annual strategy supports the delivery of the Society's [strategic plan 2020 – 2025](#) which seeks to:

1. Publicise the key issues for the soil science community
2. Promote change through knowledge exchange across all aspects of soil science
3. Host conferences and meetings focused on soils
4. Support and encouraging the education of soil science
5. Inspire the future generations of soil scientists
6. Ensure high standards of professional practice for those working with soils
7. Lead on the social and environmental responsibilities of a contemporary society.

With the support of the BSSS Executive Officer and Committee Chair, the committee member would be expected to:

- Provide advice and guidance to the committee, which usually meet four times a year, on existing activities and propose future activities and associated budgets
- Provide a member's view on the work of the Society and constructively contribute to the Society's outputs
- Develop and maintain external connections which support the Society in fulfilling its objectives.

It is expected that successful delivery in the post would require approximately 4 - 6 days per annum.

The role is unremunerated, although reasonable expenses will be paid.

## *Person Specification*

- Commitment to the organisation and its objectives
- Willingness to devote the required time and effort to fulfil their duties as a Council member
- A starter-finisher with the ability to follow an idea through to delivery
- Good independent judgement and the ability to think creatively
- Prepared to express their opinion, whilst working as part of a team.

## *Further Information*

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For an informal discussion about the role and its responsibilities please contact Sarah Garry, Executive Officer via [sarahgarry@soils.org.uk](mailto:sarahgarry@soils.org.uk)

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