

London Parks & Gardens (LPG) is seeking a new Chair. We're not going to sugarcoat it, this is a tough role at a challenging time with rising inflation, spending cutbacks, and declining biodiversity.

Having said that, we are resolved to secure the right person for the role. It demands steely determination, passion, patience and humour. Like our "cottage" office on Duck Island in St James' Park, we may be small, but we have big ambitions.

This is an excellent opportunity for someone who enjoys the challenge of thinking strategically, generating captivating ideas and leading a team determined to make a real difference.

The Board currently meets six times a year in the evenings. We hold an annual "Awayday" gathering to horizon-scan, reflect and plan future strategies. Trustees help deliver our talks, and our major fundraising event, London Open Gardens weekend. The role is voluntary, but the rewards of championing and protecting public spaces is enormous, and we do reimburse reasonable expenses.

We are committed to further increasing the diversity of our Board and supporters. We came out of Covid with renewed energy and new structures, making us more resilient for the future. The successful candidate will find a team dedicated to saving London's parks and public green spaces, promoting equality in all we do.

If you are interested in the culture, heritage and community value of parks, please send a CV and covering letter outlining why you believe you are the right person for this role to: <a href="mailto:maureen.nolan@londongardenstrust.org">maureen.nolan@londongardenstrust.org</a>.

The closing date for expressions of interest is 31 May 2023.

We are keen to appoint this year. Our outgoing chair has set a high standard and we need to ensure we get this right, both for the charity, and for the successful candidate. Together we can help create a thriving and climate-resilient Capital to inspire others worldwide.