

# An opportunity to join our Committee for the South West

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## Why join our Committee?

Being a committee member presents an exciting and challenging opportunity for individuals with a strong commitment to our diverse heritage. A committee member who will be standing down has said:

"Heritage Lottery Fund supports heritage in so many ways, it shapes lives across the UK and acts as a catalyst for creating places and projects for people that give a sense of identity and belonging. It brings people together in so many different ways. This is why I was so keen to get involved, but had no idea how important this work would be. I have met some incredible people, of all ages, whose enthusiasm, energy and appetite for creation, understanding, wisdom, places, knowledge and joy has been overwhelming, it has been a humbling experience. Would I do it again? Absolutely, it has been such an honour!"

**Julie Finch, Committee Member for the South West 2012-14)**

## The work of our Committees

Our committees take decisions on all grant funding requests from £100,000 up to £2 million and provide a crucial local perspective to the HLF Board on larger grants and for targeted initiatives. Members meet people involved in heritage projects, represent HLF at openings and events and act as advocates for HLF in their locality.

## Who should consider applying

Individuals need to have a broad appreciation of and enthusiasm for heritage and a commitment to promoting public understanding and enjoyment of it to the widest possible audience. We look for an understanding of local issues and project development and delivery; an ability to think strategically and analytically; and good communication skills. We also seek someone with experience of engaging Black, Asian and minority ethnic communities and / or individuals with disabilities and/or young people in delivering projects or services.

We are keen to receive applications from people from a variety of backgrounds and experiences who can demonstrate an affinity for an areas diverse and exciting heritage.

## How to apply

Application materials are available on our [vacancies page](#). If you would like more information about the roles and the appointment process, email [decisionmakers@hlf.org.uk](mailto:decisionmakers@hlf.org.uk) or contact Secretariat on 020 7591 6014. The closing date for applications is midday, Friday 29 November.

## **Appointments**

The term of appointment commences on 1 March 2014 and will be for a period of three years in the first instance. A second appointment may be offered with a later start date.