



## Help shape the future of vegetarianism in the UK

### Join us as a Trustee

The Vegetarian Society are the pioneers of the plant-based revolution, creating great food and positive change for over 175 years. Progressive and open to all, we are a movement of determined people, connected by our shared belief in a better future for every life on earth.

Today, our mission is more vital than ever: inspiring people to eat less meat and more plants for the benefit of animals, people, and the planet.

By joining our diverse and passionate trustee board you'll play a key role in creating lasting impact through our campaigns, food standards, and advocacy work.

### What you'll do

You'll be part of a committed trustee board working closely with our CEO and leadership team to provide robust governance, and contributing your insight help shape strategy and long-term impact as we:

- Champion vegetarianism as part of the solution to the climate, health, and animal welfare crises.
- Grow the reach and impact of our policy campaigns, aimed at reducing meat consumption and championing vegetarian and plant-based foods. We also campaign for improvements to welfare in the dairy and egg industries, such as our current 'Ban Hatch and Dispatch' campaign which seeks to end male chick culling in the UK's egg industry
- Strengthen our partnerships with businesses through our trademark accreditation and training programmes.
- Make plant-based and vegetarian cooking inclusive for communities, professionals, and the public through our Cook! cookery school.
- Build a more diverse, sustainable, and connected community of members and supporters.

### Who we're looking for

You'll be a vegetarian or vegan with enthusiasm, curiosity, and commitment to our mission. You don't need to have been a trustee before - we provide training, support, and a full induction.

We're particularly keen to hear from people with knowledge or expertise in the following areas:

- **Food manufacture or production** – you may have a background in food innovation, sustainability, supply chains, or manufacturing. You understand the challenges and opportunities in making vegetarian and vegan food mainstream and accessible.
- **Policy, advocacy, or campaigning** – you may have experience influencing public policy, leading advocacy campaigns, grassroots campaigning, or driving systems change. You'll bring insight into how to turn our evidence and ideas into public and political action.

We're committed to building a Board that reflects the diversity of the communities we serve, and we particularly welcome applications from people of colour, disabled and neurodivergent people, LGBTQIA+ people, young people (aged 18–25), and those from across the UK's nations.

### The details

- **Role type:** Voluntary (travel expenses paid)
- **Time commitment:** Around 6–12 hours per month, including 4 to 6 meetings a year (2 meetings are in-person at our HQ in Manchester, with others held online)
- **Location:** Home-based, with occasional UK travel
- **Support:** We'll provide reasonable adjustments, training, and mentoring as needed

If you have a passion for creating a kinder, healthier, more sustainable future – as the Society has been doing for nearly two centuries – we'd love to hear from you.

An application pack can be accessed here. Please send us your CV, together with a covering letter which outlines why you want to join the board and what you will bring, with particular reference to the skill sets we are looking for – although feel free to outline additional skills or experience you feel will be useful.

Please send your covering letter and CV to Antony Byatt [antony@vegsoc.org](mailto:antony@vegsoc.org). If you have any questions or need adjustments during the process, contact us at the same address.

Closing Date for applications is 09.00am on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November