

Expressions of interest: Associate EMCCA Board Member

Representative for Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise Representative

The organisation:

In November 2022 a devolution deal was signed between the four upper-tier councils of Derbyshire County Council, Nottinghamshire County Council, Derby City Council and Nottingham City Council.

As part of the deal, a new East Midlands Combined County Authority (EMCCA) has been created, led by the elected East Midlands Mayor, Claire Ward. EMCCA is the first mayoral combined county authority in the country – joining our board is your chance to help shape a pioneering organisation that faces very different challenges to existing mayoral combined authorities serving urban conurbations.

Our remit is to invest in homes, skills, transport, and the environment across the region. We will look at the big issues that affect the whole region and take a joined-up, system wide approach to dealing with them, providing greater benefits across a wider area.

EMCCA is not a brand-new tier of government. It is a devolution that will move existing funding and powers from London, directly to us in the East Midlands. This is an opportunity for local voices in the private, public, and voluntary sector to be heard and have a greater role in decision making.

The role:

The EMCCA Board is the most senior decision-making forum within our combined county authority, chaired by the East Midlands Mayor.

Joining the Board is a chance to help shape the new organisation's work from long-term regional strategy through to action being taken now for economic, social, community and environmental improvement as we respond to the challenges faced by our diverse and varied communities.

EMCCA appoints Associate Members to its Board to inform its decision making. The VCSE representative will join three appointed representatives as:

- Business (David Williams)
- Higher Education and Further Education (Kathryn Mitchell)
- Trade Union (Chris Jenkinson)

The Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise representative shall:

- **Advocate for the sector:** Represent the interests and concerns of charities, community groups, and voluntary organisations within the Board discussions.
- **Foster collaboration:** Build connections between the VCSE sector and local authorities to encourage joint initiatives and partnerships.
- **Contribute expertise:** Share knowledge and insights from the voluntary sector to inform Board decisions and strategies.
- **Provide strategic input:** Participate in discussions to ensure voluntary sector perspectives are considered in shaping regional priorities and policies.
- **Promote inclusivity:** Highlight and address the needs of underrepresented groups in the community to support equitable decision-making.

The associate member role is a **non-voting** role but will be important to inform the board and fulfil all above roles. It is also a **voluntary role**, however, expenses are covered.

Application process:

Interested candidates are invited to submit a CV outlining relevant experience alongside a short personal statement no longer than one page by 31st January 2025.

Documents or any queries can be submitted to governance@eastmidsdevo.org.uk.

