

# Becoming an elected trustee

Engineers Without Borders UK



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# Welcome

Thank you for your interest in joining the Engineers Without Borders UK Trustee team! This document will provide detail of the organisation, role and how to apply. If you have any further questions do not hesitate to get in contact at [community@ewb-uk.org](mailto:community@ewb-uk.org).

## About us

We urgently need to balance the needs of all people with the needs of our planet. To achieve this, the Engineers Without Borders UK movement is working to put global responsibility at the heart of engineering, to ensure a safe and just future for all.

As society moves towards the deadline to meet the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), we are striving to reach the tipping point for globally responsible engineering. We do this by inspiring and encouraging the engineering community to commit to global responsibility; upskilling, so that people are equipped to put purpose into practice; and driving change, collaborating with companies, universities and a wide variety of organisations to accelerate globally responsible engineering becoming mainstream.

By 2030 we will build a movement of over half a million people who individually commit to making a difference and transforming the culture of engineering. This is an ambitious goal but the scale of the challenge that we all face demands it.

**Learn more** about our work to transform engineering.

### Our vision

Society balances the needs of all people with the needs of our planet.

### Our mission

To put global responsibility at the heart of engineering.



## This is where you come in!

We are looking for two passionate members of our community to join our Board of Trustees and support efforts to put global responsibility at the heart of engineering.

# The role

Our trustees play a critical role in ensuring strong governance and providing strategic guidance to our growing staff team. Beyond the standard responsibilities of a trustee, elected trustees are uniquely positioned to represent the voting members of Engineers Without Borders UK, championing their voices and helping to drive forward our movement.

**We are looking for individuals who are deeply committed to our vision of transforming how engineering is taught and practised.**



Elected trustee, Milly Hennayake, attending our Systems Change Lab.

# Election process

To ensure that our elected trustees truly reflect the voices of our community, these positions are filled through an election by the voting members of Engineers Without Borders UK. On the following pages we have provided an overview of the election process.



## Candidate drop-in session

To learn more about the role and elections process, candidates are encouraged to join our virtual drop-in session on Tuesday 19 November, 17:00-18:00 GMT. **Register here.**

If you are not able to make this time but would like to meet with a member of the team, get in touch at [community@ewb-uk.org](mailto:community@ewb-uk.org).

## Eligibility

Before nominating yourself, please make sure you are eligible to stand for election:

- You must be 18 years or over.
- You must be a voting member of Engineers Without Borders UK. You can **register as a voting member here.**
- You must have endorsements from two voting members, who we will contact to confirm they support your candidacy.

### What is a voting member?

Voting members have a direct voice in our governance, helping to shape the future of Engineers Without Borders UK. Voting members lend their voice to key decisions at our Annual General Meetings, nominate and elect trustees who will lead our vision, and can stand as a candidate for an elected trustee position.

There is no waiting period - upon registering, voting members can immediately participate in elections and key decisions that shape our future.

## Nominating yourself

To nominate yourself, simply complete our **nomination form**, which will collect your personal details and endorsements, and build your candidate profile for our website.

As part of the form, you'll be asked to provide:

- A brief overview of your connection to Engineers Without Borders UK.
- Names and contact details for the two voting members endorsing you. Find more information on this below.
- Your relevant skills and experience.
- Your motivation for running.
- A headshot, which will appear alongside your candidate profile.

You also have the option to submit a 30-60 second video introducing yourself and explaining why you're running. This video will be shared on the Engineers Without Borders UK social media channels once voting opens. It doesn't need to be professionally produced – a clear video recorded on your phone will be just fine.

The deadline to submit your nomination is **23:59 GMT on Sunday 8 December**.

## Endorsements

As part of the nomination form, you'll need to provide the names of two voting members who will endorse your candidacy. We will contact them directly to confirm their endorsement, and they must submit their response by **23:59 GMT on Tuesday 10 December** (48 hours after the nomination deadline).

Please don't let this part of the process prevent you from nominating yourself - please contact us if you need help with this.



Trustees volunteering at the Engineering for People Grand Finals.

# Voting

**Online voting will open from Monday 16 December until Monday 13 January.** Please note that candidates must not announce that they are running until after voting has opened.

Beyond creating a strong candidate profile, there are several ways to engage with voting members and build support for your campaign:

- **Leverage social media:** Use your social media platforms to share your campaign and delve deeper into your experience and motivations. We'll be posting your video on our channels, and we encourage you to share it with your network to boost visibility.
- **Reach out for support:** If you know any Engineers Without Borders UK voting members that could support your campaign, ask them to help spread the word by sharing your profile with their own networks.

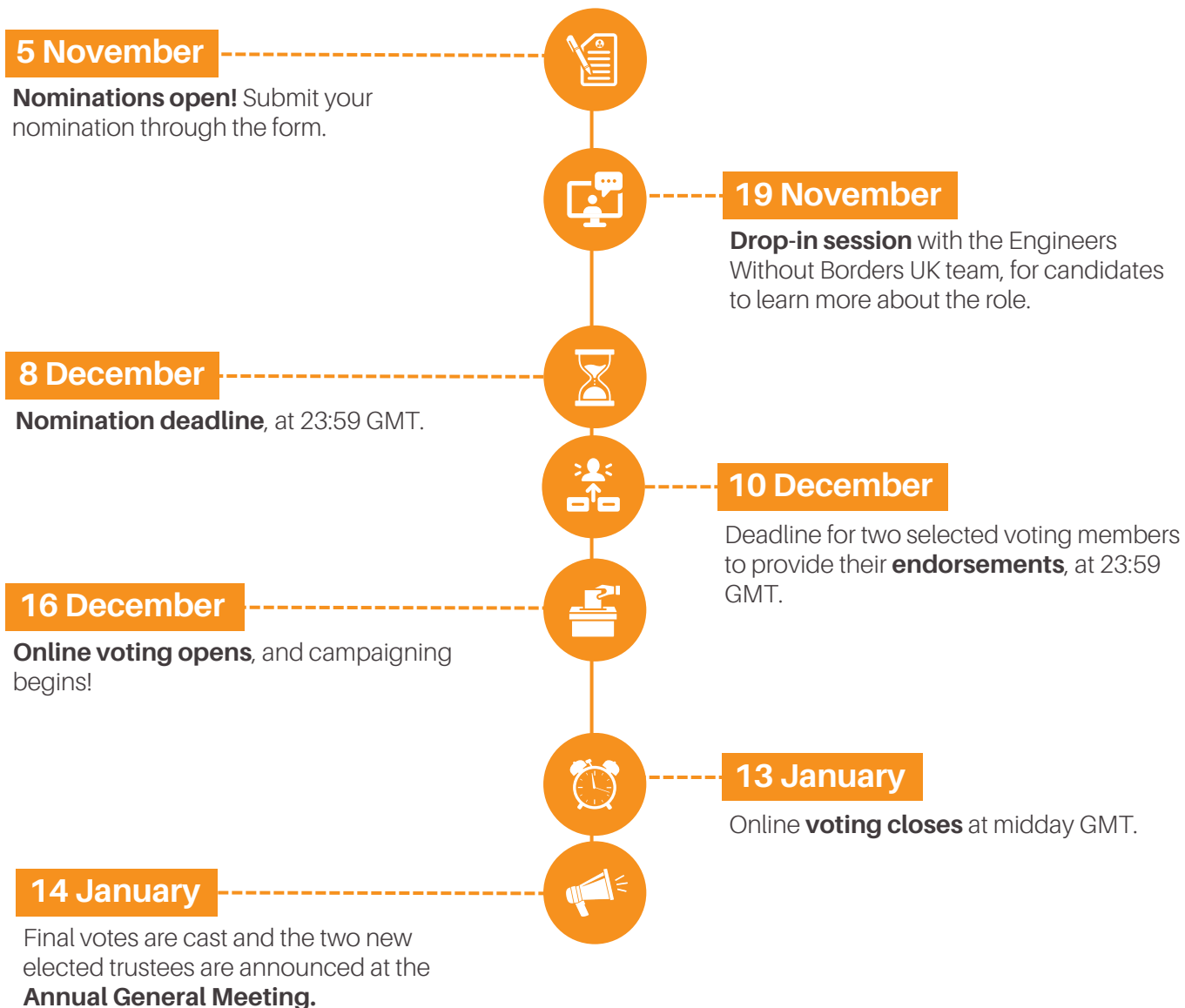
But remember, **only Engineers Without Border UK voting members can vote!** Each member will have one vote for each of the two trustee spots available, with an option to abstain.

# Annual General Meeting

The election results will be announced during our virtual Annual General Meeting on **Tuesday 14 January, 17:00-18:30 GMT**. During the meeting, voting members who have not voted will have an opportunity to cast their votes.

We encourage all candidates to attend this meeting to learn more about what Engineers Without Borders UK has achieved in the last year, hear from current Board members, and find out the results. **Register here.**

# Election timeline



We look forward to receiving  
your nomination!



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