



REGIONAL CHAIRPERSON

Background

A Chairperson serves for terms of one-year (and up to a maximum of five consecutive terms) and are elected by other regional board members on the basis of one member, one vote.

The Chairperson provides leadership and direction to their board and will be called upon to represent NFUS and sometimes be its spokesperson at external meetings and events.

Regional chairs have both a regional specific role and, as a member of the Board, a corporate role.

Overall Purpose of the Job

1. To work with their regional Board to identify and prioritise local issues relevant to NFUS members and determine the actions required to deliver the solutions needed.
2. To work with their regional Board to understand what the view of members within the region is on national issues.
3. To work with their regional manager and group secretaries to identify and deliver a programme of events for the members in the region that shows the work that NFUS is doing and/or provides information to members on relevant topics and issues.
4. To work with their regional manager to retain members and recruit new members.
5. To represent NFUS and sometimes be its spokesperson within their region.
6. To accompany their regional manager to key external meetings.

Responsibilities

The main responsibilities of the position are to:

1. Establish the regional board agenda in collaboration with their regional manager.
2. Provide leadership and direction to the board.

3. Build and sustain frequent communication with each and every board member.
4. Facilitate board discussions, ensuring that (as far as possible) all members have the opportunity to contribute and that discussion remains focussed.
5. Agree with the board the local policy objectives and develop in conjunction with the board the action plan to achieve the objectives.
6. Ensure that the work of the board is consistent with its agreed remit and that issues of interest to the wider organisation are appropriately referred.
7. Ensure decisions taken by the board are clear and not ambiguous.
8. Ensure that decisions reached represent the collective views of the board or (in exceptional circumstances when consensus cannot be reached) a majority view.
9. Assist their regional manager and group secretaries in membership retention activities and member recruitment activities.
10. To build a relationship with local politicians

Remuneration

1. NFUS pays an annual Honorarium payment of £1,500. This is paid per month (£125.00) and is for attendance at Board meetings.
2. The following amounts can be claimed when attending meetings with external bodies or events on behalf of NFUS:
 - Full day £125 (Leaving before 10am and returning after 4pm)
 - Half day £62.50 (the meeting straddles only one of the 'core' times then half a day can be claimed).