



Volunteer role profile



Role	President Elect
Directorate	Professional Services
Responsible to	Council

The Presidential Team are the institution's most visible and trusted ambassadors. We can't achieve our vision of a safe and healthy world of work without your support, help, knowledge, and expertise. Your contributions help to influence the OSH profession and connect diverse professionals to continually develop the world of health and safety.

Role overview

- To help promote and support IOSH in its vision of a safe and healthy world of work.
- To support the delivery of [IOSH's strategy](#) to the membership and globally to the wider occupational health and safety profession and other associated stakeholders.
- As a senior ambassador, represent the voice of IOSH globally at events and in the media, delivering key messages to a wide-ranging audience.
- In addition to becoming President Elect you will also assume the role as Vice-Chair of Council.

Role responsibilities

- Work closely with the President and Presidential Team Officer to prepare for your year as President, developing relationships with internal and external customers to ensure an efficient transition following the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in November.
- Deputise for the President, where necessary.
- Attend and represent IOSH at events, conferences, and meetings, delivering presentations and participating in panel discussions confidently engaging with audiences in person and virtually.
- Attend IOSH community events, as requested, delivering sessions aligned to IOSH's strategy that supports members.
- Represent IOSH in an ambassadorial capacity, supporting relationships with our fraternal partners.
- Represent IOSH and speak to the media as directed.
- Prepare for and attend meetings with the Presidential Team.
- Support and take part in the recruitment process for governance related volunteer roles, as requested.
- To develop a plan identifying your focus areas for your year as President, aligned with IOSH strategy.
- Work closely and in partnership with the Presidential Team Officer and other IOSH teams.

As this is a dual role, you will also need to refer to the Chair of Council role profile which outlines the additional responsibilities relevant to this part of the role.

Person requirements

- Meet one of the following: Chartered Member of Council, Chartered Member of a Community Committee, Chartered Member of a Standing Committee, Chartered Member of a Sub Committee, Chartered Member of the Nominations Committee OR a Chartered Fellow.
- Up to date with CPD requirements and membership fees.
- Willing to accept collective responsibility.
- Understanding of IOSH strategy and campaign themes.
- Understanding of IOSH Governance structure.
- Understanding of the IOSH Code of Conduct and how to manage potential conflict of interests.
- Willing to travel to attend events, including internationally.
- Demonstrate and support IOSH's [shared values](#).

Skills and abilities

- Confident and engaging public speaker.
- Experienced in delivering presentations.
- Ability to engage with diverse, global audiences.
- Experience in chairing and facilitating meetings effectively.
- Strong written communication skills, producing clear, engaging content.
- Ability to manage and prioritise tasks and actions.
- Demonstrate professionalism and diplomacy in sensitive situations.
- Able to provide constructive feedback in a professional and considerate manner.
- Proficient and confident using IT systems and digital platforms, including video-conferencing and social media.
- Experience in dealing with the media.
- Willingness to step in at short notice, embrace new challenges, and learn new content.

Commitment

- The term for this role is one year. You will then assume the position of IOSH President for an additional year thereafter.
- As President Elect, your time commitment will generally be lighter. As not all activities require attendance in person, this may range from 1–8 hours per month. Once you take on the role of President, your expected commitment will increase to approximately 30 days per year, typically ranging from 8-32 hours per month. This is a guide and will vary depending on IOSH priorities and your own personal commitments.
- In addition, you will also need to refer to role profile of Chair of Council which outlines the commitment relevant to this part of the role.

What's in it for you

This role offers the opportunity not only to give back to the profession, but also to grow personally and professionally as a senior ambassador helping to shape a safer and healthier world of work.

- Influence the future of the profession. Represent IOSH at conferences and events globally, playing an active role in delivering IOSH's strategy, helping to drive progress towards a safe and healthy world of work.
- Develop new skills. Take advantage of diverse opportunities to contribute, lead and represent IOSH across a wide range of forums.
- Inspire the next generation. Contribute to making health and safety a first career choice.
- Personal growth and fulfilment. Be part of a passionate community of members committed to advancing the profession and supporting IOSH members globally.
- Broaden your network. Connect with OSH professionals worldwide. Build relationships with professionals, policymakers, industry leaders and stakeholders enhancing your influence within the OSH community.
- Develop governance experience. Gain knowledge through your role on Council, providing advice and guidance on strategic, professional and policy issues. Acquire skills necessary to become an effective Chair.

Contact

If you would like further information about this role, please email Sunita Patel, Presidential Team Officer at sunita.patel@iosh.com.

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With a global community of 50,000 members, spread across 130 countries, together, we share one vision: a world where work is safe and healthy for all.

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