

The British Dietetic Association volunteer position – Chair

<p>Role Chair, Sustainable Diets Specialist Group</p>
<p>Aims/Objectives of the Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide a forum through which members can network and share ideas, information, good practice and expertise • To support members in accessing a range of appropriate professional development activities and opportunities for planetary health nutrition practice, and where appropriate to advocate for this provision • To promote high standards of practice in the field of planetary health nutrition and sustainability in all areas of dietetics • To be an effective champion for planetary health nutrition and sustainability within and behalf of the BDA, by identifying priority issues and themes that the network can promote, raising debate and discussion among BDA members, and shaping BDA policy, position statements and press releases • To contribute expert advice to the BDA in responding to national policy and professional development issues, including access to expert leads on specific topics • To link with BDA specialist groups and other groups in promoting planetary health nutrition and sustainability
<p>What this post has to offer</p> <p>This is a key position within the BDA Specialist Groups. As a Group chair you will lead and guide the motivated committee of volunteers, who work as a team to deliver the Group objectives. You will have an overview of the strategic developments affecting the Group, both within the BDA and externally to the profession. Through this position you will gain leadership, mediation and project management skills, which can translate directly into career development. It will also give you an opportunity to work with colleagues across your speciality, sharing knowledge and skills.</p>
<p>Main tasks/responsibilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide overall leadership, drive, motivation and coordination for the Specialist Group and committee. • Call, attend and Chair committee meetings, AGMs and EGMs of the Group, ensuring they are run effectively and efficiently. • Understanding of and upholds the Specialist Group's responsibilities within its own constitution and BDA governance. • Prepares the Chair's report for the Annual General Meeting (AGM). • Main contact and representative of the Group within the BDA. • Presents an annual report and annual plan on the activities of the Group. • Ensures there is a succession plan in place to find and recruit new committee members, when needed. • Supports and encourages the committee in delivery of Group work.
<p>Level of commitment</p> <p>Committee meetings are held up to 4 times a year, plus a varying and flexible amount of work in between times. The Group holds 2 events for members per year, one will include the Annual General Meeting. A Chair is elected to the role for a two-year term of office and should serve no more than two consecutive terms of office. However, you can give reasonable notice to end your volunteering if you are no longer able to fulfil your role.</p>
<p>Main times of volunteering</p> <p>Committee meetings are usually held on weekdays and can be arranged by teleconference, if required. Group events usually take place on weekdays.</p>
<p>Training and support offered</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The BDA has a designated member of staff supporting Groups and Branches in the delivery of their work. Individualised support can be offered to suit the member. • Group Handbook, templates and resources.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Individual induction, handover and training at convenient location and time for you.• Participation at the Groups and Branches networking day (held once a year). |
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