

Board of Non-Executive Directors: ABColombia

As a member of the Board of Non-Executive Directors of ABColombia, you will have the opportunity to manage the highly successful advocacy group of five leading British and Irish development agencies working on Colombia. The group is hosted by Cafod and answers to the Member organisations.

The successful candidate would be joining a high-profile organisation with good links to key state and institutional actors. Recent advocacy successes for ABColombia include: meeting with Colombia's President during his state visit to the UK; instrumental in ensuring Colombia's inclusion in the UK government's Preventing Sexual Violence Initiative (PSVI); an invitation to ABColombia's members to a meeting with the Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall during their official visit to Colombia; organised and participated in a high-level roundtable to discuss and make recommendations on the gender focus in the Colombian Peace Accord with representatives from the UK, Colombian, Swedish governments and the European Union, together with Colombian NGOs, ex- FARC combatants and UK academics.

This is a voluntary position with limited expenses paid, and you need to be able to commit half a day a month, including attending a quarterly Board meeting and, if possible, the ABColombia annual planning meeting. The Board which was established in January 2008, but has lapsed over the last couple of years, comprises of three non-executive directors, one of whom is a representative of the member agencies and a Chair.

Working in partnership with the Programme and Advocacy Manager and one other member of staff, Member organisations and other Non-Executive Directors you will:

- Ensure that the governance of ABColombia is appropriate to the organisation's needs and of the highest possible standard
- Ensure that the ABColombia complies with all legal and regulatory requirements.
- Ensure that the Programme and Advocacy Manager implements annual working plans in an effective, timely and efficient manner.
- Encourage an environment and structure that promotes the performance of the organisation and its public reputation and credibility.
- Contribute to the development of the fundraising strategy

Person Specification:

- We are looking for someone who has expertise in managing organisations and experience and understanding of working in networks and committees.
- You will need institutional management experience, plus knowledge of institutional governance and development requirements, including budgeting and financial management systems and reporting systems.
- You will need good inter-personal skills.
- You will need a commitment to the respect of human rights and the right to development, and a knowledge of Colombia would be an advantage.

Board meetings are held at the ABColombia Office in Waterloo. Board members would need to be able to attend these meetings in person on four occasions in the year. If you would be interested in joining us and would like to find out more about this important role, please email lwinstanley@abcolombia.org.uk for further details and visit our website at www.abcolombia.org.uk.