

BPF Futures Advisory Board Open Call 2023 Prospectus



What's changing?



We are conducting an open call for new **Futures Advisory Board (FAB) members**. There are opportunities for Futures members to [apply](#) to join the FAB for a two-year period, and take up one of the following roles:

- **Vice Chair and Board Member for Scotland**
- **FAB Member for Influencing**
- **FAB Member for Learning**
- **FAB Member for Mentoring**



Hosting the Futures site visit to Barclays, Glasgow, June 2023

How do I apply?



- 1** You must be a BPF Futures member.
- 2** If you are supervised, check with your line-manager that they are supportive of you applying. Remember that it will involve a time-commitment of one hour meeting each month, plus attending at least one event per year and some time supporting other Futures activities in person and online.
- 3** Complete the [application form](#), providing contact details and a no-more-than 300-word explanation of why you want to join and what you think you will bring? We also ask for your Linked In profile, so please make sure it is up-to-date. The deadline is 15 December 2023.

Timeline



Monday 16 October

Call for new and
existing members
opens

Friday 15 December

Expressions of interest
deadline

End of January 2024

Candidates informed

By February 2024

Successful candidates
join the FAB



About the FAB



About Futures Advisory Board



The FAB meets online every month, mostly via MS Teams but sometimes in person. By joining the FAB, you would be making a **commitment** to attend most FAB meetings.

A lot of the work, however, takes place between meetings. FAB members may focus on arranging an event for their 'pillar', sourcing guest speakers, confirming the agenda, and inviting their peers to attend. FAB members may also be invited to **represent the Futures network** at BPF Committee meetings and other industry events. There may be invitations to **join a sub-group** of FAB members to focus on a specific project, for instance, Futures activity at UKREiiF.

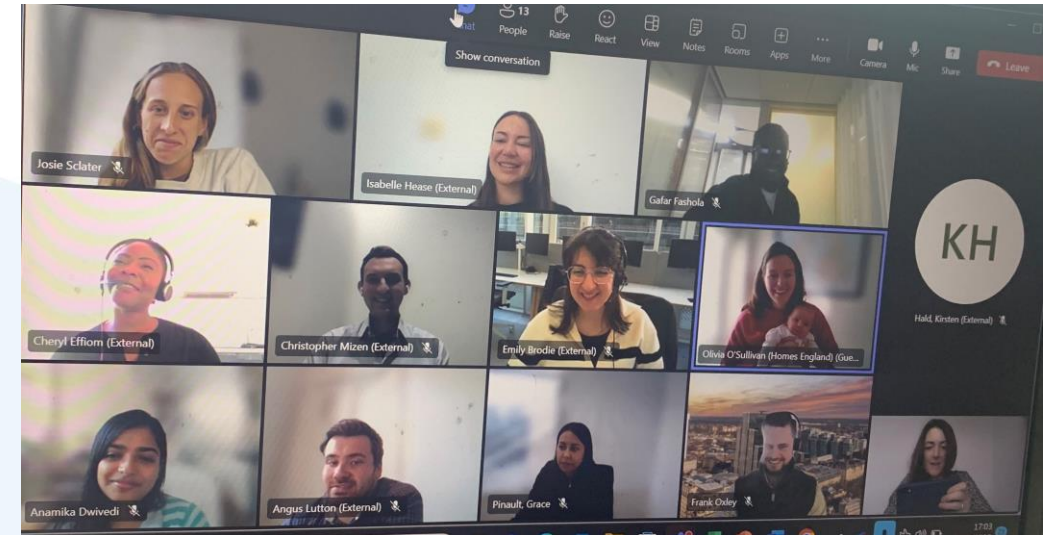


What happens at FAB meetings?



A member of BPF staff acts as secretary to the FAB and arranges its administration. FAB meeting papers and other information are distributed via email and via the MyBPF portal.

The FAB Chair and Vice Chair are appointed by the BPF. They chair committee meetings and play an important role in deciding, in collaboration with the FAB secretary, the meeting agendas and overall work programme for the Futures network.



The FAB monthly meeting on 3 October 2023

How do the FAB roles differ?



Futures Advisory Board members focus their work on one of our four key pillars of activity:

1. **Learning**
2. **Mentoring**
3. **Networking**
4. **Influencing**

We also have FAB members for the public sector and the regions.



Expectations of FAB members



We ask that each Futures Advisory Board member contributes to the network by:

1. Driving and overseeing at least one BPF Futures event per pillar, per year.
2. Supporting at least one Futures event per year, by attending it and sharing it with colleagues and their network.
3. Contributing to at least one Futures activity or communication per year such as presenting at an industry event or writing a blog.
4. Supports fellow Board members' work.





**Why become a FAB
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- The FAB offers great networking opportunities. Membership often means you are getting access to **information and events** before your peers.
- It can be a good way to raise your **personal profile** and be seen as an emerging leader.
- Moving beyond the personal, you are also helping to **shape the sector** we all work in, how it goes about its business, and making helping to make the voice of the next generation of leaders heard.

What makes a good FAB member?



Engaged FAB members are:

- Enthusiastic and knowledgeable about their area of the industry.
- Able to drive a project through to fruition.
- Able to give time to the Futures network.
- Supportive of other Futures Board members' activity and workstreams.



Next steps

We have far more demand for FAB places than we can to offer. If you are unsuccessful, please don't take it personally. It won't be!



Our committees need to reflect our commitment to diversity, and in that context, we have a 40:40:20 policy, with at least 40 per cent male and female participation and flexibility on the residual 20 per cent.

We also take account of the breadth of our sector. We want to get a good mix of expertise and skills drawing from the various sectors that support our sector. The secretary will lead the process of considering applications in dialogue with the existing FAB Chair and Vice-Chair.

If your application is successful, we will invite you to join the Futures Advisory Board asap in 2024.

Existing committee members



We want to strike a balance between the benefits of continuity that our existing committee members so kindly and ably provide, and ensuring we give sufficient opportunities to involve other Futures members.

For existing members of the FAB, the open call process will involve reapplying to remain on the Board. This will involve completing the [application form](#) and indicating which role you would like to remain in, or switch to.

Factors we will take into consideration include FAB members' past attendance and contribution, our objectives to promote the voice of the Futures network, and ensuring we have a mix of different sectors within our membership represented.

Other ways to get involved



If your application is unsuccessful, there are other ways to get involved in Futures and BPF work:

- **Why not join the BPF monthly Policy Pulse meetings?**
These provide an opportunity to hear about BPF's priority areas of policy, events and communications work. Contact Rob Wall to join: rwall@bpf.org.uk
- **Keep a look out for Futures events and surveys**
BPF Futures run between 15 and 20 events per year so there is usually something coming up that may interest you.
- **Offer to help arrange a site visit or online learning session**
We are always on the lookout for interesting developments and regeneration projects that Futures members can learn from. If you are working on a project and could help arrange a site visit or online presentation, do [get in touch](#).



Our principles and values



Becoming a FAB member brings expectations that you will act as an ambassador for the sector, abide by our [Statement of Principles](#), and promote our values:

- **A positive work environment**
- **Excellence and professionalism**
- **Collaboration and teamwork**
- **Integrity and honesty**
- **Creativity and curiosity**



FAB Members presenting to industry leaders at the BPF Annual Conference, London, July 2023

In summary

Thank you for your interest!



If you have any questions, please contact:

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You can apply to join the Futures Advisory Board [here](#).

Deadline for applications is **15 December 2023**.



Thank you

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