



**TAKING RISKS
TO TRANSFORM LIVES!**



Chair of the Board of Directors

JOIN OUR BOARD

Urban Pursuit Education Limited is a leading alternative education provider in Bristol. We provide personal and social development services to schools. Our programme targets vulnerable young people and uses the context of adventure activities and adrenaline sports to facilitate relationship-building and equipping young people with skills to improve their educational engagement.

The owners seek to appoint a Board of Directors from September 2024, commencing with the appointment of a Chair.

Remuneration: This is a voluntary position



Chair of the Board of Directors

This appointment offers the exciting opportunity to work with the CEO in appointing additional members who will make up the board of Directors.

1. Accountability

Holding the Chief Executive Officer accountable for:

- Delivering the strategic plan
- Working to the annual budget
- Ensuring the business operates legally, safely and efficiently
- Developing business growth strategies

2. Board Chair

- Chair quarterly, in-person, board meetings
- Meet with the CEO prior to each board meeting to agree/ratify the agenda

3. Meetings with the CEO

- Meet with (in person, video-call or telephone) the CEO as and when required to discuss issues or opportunities as appropriate

4. Expertise and experience

- Provide advice, network connections, and problem solving to help with company sustainability and growth towards its mission

5. Promote the interests of the company

- Prioritise the company mission and its economic health
- Champion its growth
- Look after the interests of shareholders, as determined by company policy

6. Contract

- Non-Executive Director
- Three-year commitment followed by review (3 terms maximum)
- Non-remunerated, voluntary, part-time position
- Commitment: 2-4 hours per month plus quarterly board meetings (up to 5 hours) and associated administration
- Expenses paid

Person Specification

Chair of the Board of Directors

1. Significant experience or understanding in at least one of the following areas:
 - Business growth
 - Education
 - Finance
 - Marketing
 - Adventurous activities/activity risk-management
2. Commitment to the Urban Pursuit mission, vision and values
3. An ability and willingness to bring appropriate challenge where necessary
4. Logical, systematic and strategic thinker, able to offer measured and appropriate insights as appropriate
5. Well-connected to a wider influential network
6. Passionate about bringing social change to the benefit of vulnerable children

Application

To apply for the position of Chair of the Board of Directors please apply via the portal on our website's Vacancies page. You will be asked to submit your CV together with a supporting statement of no more than 1,000 words. Your supporting statement should articulate how you connect with the mission and values of Urban Pursuit Education Ltd and demonstrate your eagerness to engage with this vital role. We are looking for candidates who share our dedication to transforming young lives through adventure and who are driven to be a part of our story.

Closing date for applications:

Midday on Thursday 21st March 2024

OUR STORY

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Urban Pursuit started in Bristol in 2011, with founders Neil and Emma Dennison. Since the beginning, things have been driven by a deep belief that we can change the story for many who struggle within mainstream education.

Urban Pursuit's focus on personal and social development is engrained throughout the Education Programme, which uses activities and adventure as a tool of engagement. Young people typically spend a day each week at Urban Pursuit alongside their regular education.

Neil gave up a role as Assistant Headteacher and his career in mainstream education in order to provide better support for vulnerable young people. Emma moved from a role in the council's Behaviour Support Team and brought her experience in mentoring and small group work.

Together they worked toward the vision of 'every vulnerable young person finding hope and a future'. There have been many changes since those early days, but the belief remains the same: that the transformative power of relationship, risk and adventure can reduce school exclusions.

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"Urban Pursuit is a very professional alternative education provider with such an impact on students' learning and development. Their dedication to understanding students on an individual level enables them to gain confidence and build their self-esteem. The individual feedback provided is invaluable."

Jo Williams
Redland Green School

Meet our Founders

Neil and Emma Dennison





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**We're committed to building
lasting relationships**

**We're proud to go
the extra mile**

**We never give up
on young people**

