

2022 Trustee Elections

Voting Information and Nomination Submissions



Introduction

The Role of AfN Trustees

The Association for Nutrition is a registered charity and company limited by guarantee. The Trustees form the AfN Council and are responsible for setting our strategic objectives and ensuring that all the activities we undertake uphold our charitable requirements of being for the primary benefit of the public, and not for profit or registrant gain.

Council is made up of individuals from different backgrounds and experience levels, all of whom bring with them a valuable range of different opinions, ideas and expertise.

Serving as a Council Member/Trustee is a valuable and rewarding experience, and means the individual will play a vital strategic role in shaping the future of the AfN, UKVRN and our activities.



Voting information

Registrants who wished to stand for election as a Trustee submitted a nomination form by 26th September 2023. Nine applications were submitted..

Each ANutr/RNutr who holds active registration during the voting period is eligible to vote for who they would like to be elected a Trustee.

Voting is undertaken using the single transferable vote system, which enables Registrant's to priority order their voting choice should they wish to select more than one candidate.

Each eligible individual will be emailed a unique link to their registered email address to enable anonymous online voting.

Please note that this is a single-use link and cannot be reissued.

Voting Opens: 1 November 2023

Voting Closes: 30 November 2023

Results: Announced at AGM on 12 December 2023

For further information on this voting system please visit:

<https://www.electoral-reform.org.uk/voting-systems/types-of-voting-system/single-transferable-vote/>



Nominations

The following pages detail the nine Registrants standing for election, in alphabetical order. Each candidate was provided the opportunity to provide up to 100-words detailing why they believe they should be elected.

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Dee Bhakta RNutr (Public Health)

I hope to bring over thirty-five years of breadth and depth of experience of the nutrition profession to the Council. Currently, I am a Reader in Nutrition & Health at London Metropolitan University. I graduated from King's College, London with a First Class honours in BSc Human Nutrition, worked as a registered dietitian in UK and USA and have a PhD in Nutrition Epidemiology from LSHTM. My research is centred around the health and diets of ethnic minorities and conducting community nutrition interventions. I am an AfN course assessor and serve on University Committees for ethics and for research degrees.



Adam Collins RNutr (Nutrition Science)

First qualified in nutrition nearly 30 years ago, I have been a researcher and educator of future nutritionists for over 20 years. Since 2015, I have also maintained my own nutrition consultancy (Nutriffic), working with individuals and companies. I served on the council between 2017 and 2019, during AfN's application to the Privy Council. I have also served on the AfN accreditation committee for the last 5 years. With my knowledge, experience, and multiple perspectives on nutrition, I believe a return to the council will be very helpful at this exciting and pivotal time for AfN and the profession.





Sue Force RNutr (Nutrition Science)

With longstanding involvement and innate interest in nutrients and health (early omega-3 research, gut flora metabolites), followed by 18 years of experience in Higher Education (Program Lead BSc Human Nutrition), I'm poised to bring to the council not just my passion for nutrition science but also a rich pedagogical perspective. My keen interest lies in the Continuous Professional Development arena. Having actively engaged in HE-related QA processes for both face-to-face and online course delivery I am well-versed in the nuances of digital education which I see as imperative today.



Vimal Karani S RNutr (Nutrition Science)

I am a Professor of Nutrigenetics and Nutrigenomics, the Deputy Director of the Institute for Food, Nutrition and Health, and the Programme Director for nutrition-related programmes at the University of Reading. I am also a Scientific Advisory Board member of the Scottish Government (ENRA). I have received significant global media attention for my work on nutrition and NCDs and won the UK Nutrition Society's Silver Medal award 2020. Given my leadership in global nutrition research and ability to carry out high-quality research through funds from various funding organisations, I would be an ideal candidate to serve as a Council Member.





Lindsay Kass RNutr (Sports & Exercise)

As an experienced professional, I would support the regulation of nutritionists and help the strategic advancement of industry standards. Having worked in academia for 20 years, I understand the need for continuous growth of the nutrition industry and those in it. I line manage, Chair the Equality in Science Network and have a strong research profile. I have worked as a self-employed nutritionist to continue to develop my applied skills. An accredited exercise physiologist, I specialise in sport's nutrition, physical activity and nutrition for health. Loving anything 'nutrition'/ health related, I would enjoy the opportunity to advocate for the industry.



Maeve Kerr RNutr (Public Health)

I am passionate about supporting the integrity of nutrition research and education. As Lecturer on AfN accredited programmes in Nutrition (Ulster University, since 2014) championing AfN registration, and Course Director of post graduate programmes in Food Regulatory Affairs, I would love to use my experience to further support the profession by joining AfN council. I am a Working Group member with the Federation for European Nutrition Societies 'improving standards in the science of nutrition' (since 2020); member of the European Nutrition Leadership Platform (since 2019), and my research in obesity and dietary guidance (since 2009) has impacted health/ nutrition policy.





Wing-Fu Lai RNutr (Food)

Wing-Fu Lai is an Associate Professor in School of Food Science and Nutrition at University of Leeds. Besides being a Registered Nutritionist in the UK, he is a Registered Dietitian in China and a Certified Food Scientist in the US. He serves as an Honorary Professor in a national hospital, an Honorary Director in a nutrition consulting center, and an Honorary Vice President of an institution offering vocational education on nutrition and dietetics. His professional experience in nutrition-related education and independent practices will enable him to contribute to the council and to enhance further development of the AfN and UKVRN.



Foteini Tsofliou RNutr (Nutrition Science)

I am a Principal Academic in Nutrition at Bournemouth University, Registered Nutritionist and Equality, Diversity, Inclusivity (EDI) committee member at faculty level. I am passionate about the benefits that diet and lifestyle can bring on people's health, particularly among diverse cultures. My other passion lies in co-creating with students and colleagues from multidisciplinary backgrounds. With my experience in various leadership roles and as member of AfN's Registration committee and the EDI working group, I will be an excellent advocate for innovative training and development of fellow registrants. I would be honoured to serve on the AfN council with your support.

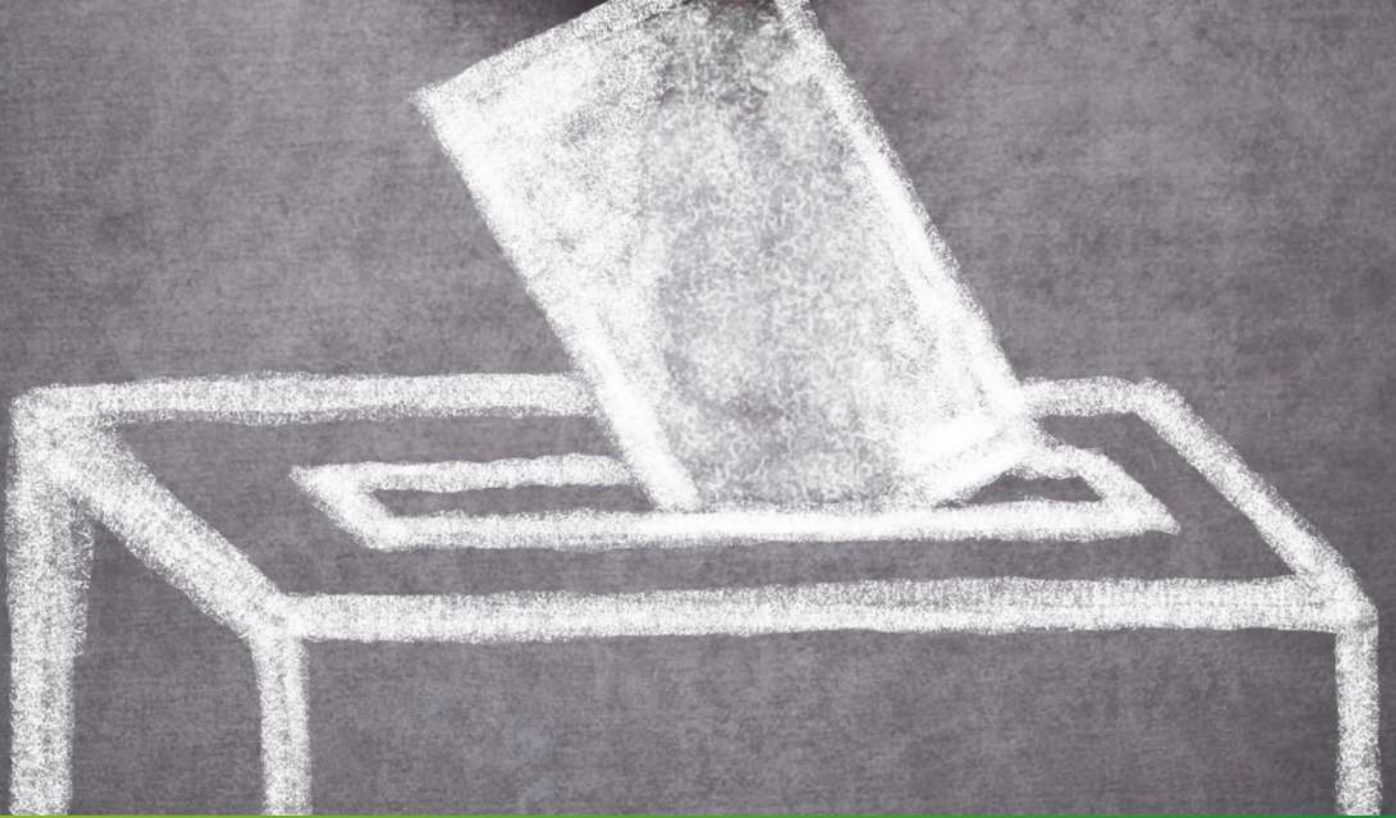




Lucy-Jade Webb RNutr (Public Health)

I feel that I am a good ambassador for nutrition through running Nutrition Graduates and my own experience, and have a sense and understanding of challenges faced by individuals such as employment challenges, upskilling, keeping up with research and development. I am passionate in supporting individuals with their development into nutrition by helping with AfN applications, interview techniques, and helping nutritionists to become who they want to be. I have a good understanding of the benefits of the AfN for nutritionists and feel I am the person to advocate for those who need support along their journey in nutrition.





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