



WISH
M I D L A N D S
THE NETWORK FOR WOMEN
WORKING IN SOCIAL HOUSING

Regional Board Member – WISH Midlands Board

- **Role:** Board Member
- **Remuneration:** Voluntary role
- **Benefits:** Free WISH membership, access to the WISH network, building board skills
- **Location:** Midlands, home-based
- **Hours:** Flexible, approximately 2 to 4 hours pcm

Women in Social Housing (WISH) is a supportive, inspiring and fun networking community for female housing professionals across the country. The community was set up over 20 years ago after it was identified that women were not getting the same opportunities and support as their male peers across the sector. Although times have changed, inequality still remains and the WISH network continues to bring women of all ages and professional levels together to share, support and inspire each other across different regions.

The WISH Midlands region has been set up for 5 years and as our network continues to expand, we are now looking to appoint new Regional Board Members to join our fantastic board of volunteers. This is an excellent opportunity to expand your existing professional portfolio by becoming a volunteer board member of an outstanding regional network and to make a positive difference to professional women in your area.

WISH Vision and Values

WISH is a fun networking community offering encouragement and support for every woman, just like you.

We believe there is power in the individual but also great strength in the collective. We want to create opportunity, impact and build a unique network with you in mind.

Our motivation is your motivation and at our heart is to create a legacy we can all be proud of within the UK housing sector: by championing gender inequality and the gender pay gap, by encouraging new and existing female talent to remain in the sector and by boosting one another through career successes.

Focused on championing positive and beneficial outcomes for all women regardless of their role or experience, we are a Community Interest Company aiming to boost women's future in housing – with a difference. We offer a network of immense value through 10 regions, each hosting at least four fun, informative events per year along with a multitude of benefits for members and sponsors.

The role:

- Supporting, championing positive and beneficial outcomes for all through our events, programmes and activities.
- Assisting with the ongoing growth of the Women in Social Housing's Midlands region and lead with the other board members on the coordination of events throughout the year to achieve the overarching purpose of our overall mission.
- Promoting the benefits of being part of a networking community and supporting one another to thrive, develop and grow in the UK housing sector.

Responsibilities include:

- Attending and contributing to Regional Board Meetings (approximately 4 per year),
- Co-ordinating and organising networking events (approximately 4 per year),
- Identification and cultivation of event sponsors – all board members support this process,
- Identifying appropriate event venues (When safe to return to physical events),
- Identifying & assisting with organisation of entertainment/refreshments for events (when safe to return to physical events),
- Promoting the benefits of WISH membership.

Benefits

Being a part of our unique WISH community offers you a whole host of benefits including:-

- Free WISH membership, including 9 national online events and 3 regional events each year,
- Being part of a great team of volunteers,
- Access to the WISH network,
- Expanding your own professional network,
- Building your skills as a board member, and;
- Working with a great team of like-minded women and having fun.

The time required is very flexible. We work together as a team to ensure that we provide support for each other, but generally there is one event and one board meeting every quarter. Time commitment for our board responsibilities averages at approximately 2 to 4 hours pcm.

We are seeking a professional who works in the housing sector or who works in an organisation which works closely with the sector but more importantly identifies with the WISH values, who is looking to give back to the industry, facilitate supportive networking and grow within the board.

Professional experience level is not an issue and we actively support up and coming housing professionals onto our board as well as senior level professionals.

If this sounds like you, we cannot wait to hear from you.

Please email midlands@wishgb.co.uk or direct message us via our social media channels to express your interest in applying for the role.