Scotland Committee application form

# 1 About the SASW Committee

SASW is part of BASW UK which is governed by a UK Council of elected and co-opted members. The SASW Committee is formally a National Standing Committee under Council.

Each of the four UK nations has a National Standing Committee (NSC) which drives the strategic direction of the association in each nation and acts as advisory committee to the UK Council. The governance structure of BASW UK is defined in [Articles of Association](https://www.basw.co.uk/resources/basw-articles-association) and National Standing Committees have terms of reference.

Each NSC has a minimum of 11 and maximum of **1**5 full voting members.

We can have also have up to three advisors on Committee who do not need to be BASW members, or social workers and bring additional perspectives and expertise to Committee. The advisors are not voting members.

The SASW NSC meets every three months and occasionally we may have an away day. There are opportunities to represent SASW on a variety of national forums and support the SASW staff team through short life groups which are designed to bring your expertise to events planning, consultation responses and other impactful work. Committee members must attend three or more NSC meetings within each 12-month period.

The quorum for meetings is one-thirdof its members and not less than three members, one of whom must be an elected officer (chair or a vice chair) of the Committee.

Two members of each NSC are appointed as Directors of BASW Council which is the highest level of governance of BASW UK.

# 2 The application process

There are two possible processes for applications to join Committee.

1 If more people than the number of vacant Committee spaces apply, we will hold an election in accordance with BASW UK rules.

2 If fewer people apply than there are vacancies, we do not need to hold an election. The SASW Chair/Vice-Chair will arrange an informal discussion with you. If everyone is content to proceed, your application will be shared with Committee who will be asked to approve your application.

We use this second process for **advisers and co-opted members** also as these are not elected posts.

# 2 About you:

As full SASW committee member. These roles serve for two years up to a maximum of six. Please note that only BASW members can apply to serve as a voting member on the Scotland Committee.

In an advisory role bringing different experience to Committee. Advisors do not need to be BASW members or social workers. These roles are for 12 months initially and then are reviewed by the Advisor and the Chair each year. We value the diverse perspectives brought to SASW Committee by our wonderful advisers.

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| Name |  |
| BASW membership number (if known) |  |
| Job Title/Role |  |
| Employer (if employed) or university (if a student) |  |

# 3 Tell us briefly about your area(s) of practice and your interests in social work (up to 150 words).

# If we hold an election, this will appear on our website.

# 4 Tell us about the skills, experience and perspectives you would bring to the Scotland Committee. We are particularly hoping to attract people from diverse backgrounds, students and people with experience of care and support services to serve on Committee (up to 300 words).

# If we hold an election, this will appear on our website.

# 5 What do you hope to learn, achieve or get out of your involvement with the Scotland Committee (up to 300 words)?

# If we hold an election, this will appear on our website.

# 6 Are there things we could do to help you carry out your work on Committee if you are successful?

# This will not appear on our website if elections are held.

# 7 Declarations

1. Have you ever been subject to any fitness to practice processes by the Scottish Social Services Council or other professional regulator?

**Yes  No**

1. Have you ever been sanctioned, suspended or barred from practising social work?

**Yes  No**

1. Have you been convicted of any criminal offences?

**Yes  No**

1. I give consent for my statement and application and my photograph to be included in the Scotland Committee marketing material should an election be required.

**Yes  No**

1. Please tell us of any conflict of interest, commercial or otherwise, that might impact on your application or ability to serve on the Scotland Committee
2. I declare that I am eligible to apply for this role and will abide by the BASW Code of Ethics for Social Work, BASW Memorandum of Articles and BASW’s National Standing Committee Terms of Reference.

Your name:

Date:

Please complete and return this form to [scotland@basw.co.uk](mailto:scotland@basw.co.uk)

# Equalities monitoring

This form is not part of the application process but helps BASW assure its equalities and diversity policies. It will be removed before your application is further processed.

We aim to be an equal opportunities organisation, and our policy is that all people receive equal treatment regardless of race, colour, ethnicity, nationality, disability, age, gender, sexual orientation or marital status. To assist us in monitoring the operation of our diversity and equal opportunities policy, and for no other reason, please answer the following questions. (Tick box where appropriate.)

Gender  
  Man  
 Woman  
  Intersex

Non-binary  
  Prefer not to say

Age  
  16-24 years  
  25-29 years  
  30-34 years  
  35-39 years  
  40-44 years  
  45-49 years  
  50-54 years  
  55-59 years  
  60-64 years  
  65 years and over  
  Prefer not to say

# Sexual Orientation

*Which group do you most identify with? The options are listed in alphabetical order.*

  Bi-Sexual  
  Gay woman/lesbian  
  Gay man  
  Heterosexual/straight  
  Other  
  Prefer not to say

# Religion or Belief

*What is your religion or belief (including non-belief)?*

Agnostic  
 Atheist  
  Bah’ai  
  Buddhist  
 Christian – Catholic  
 Christian – Protestant  
 Christian – Other  
  Hindu  
  Humanism  
  Jain  
 Jewish  
 Muslim  
  Pagan  
  Sikh  
  Rastafarian  
  Scientologist  
  Shinto  
 Zoroastrian  
  No religion or belief  
  Prefer not to say  
  Any other religion or belief

# What is your ethnicity?

*Ethnic origin is not about nationality, place of birth or citizenship. It is about the group to which you perceive you belong.*

English  
  Welsh  
  Scottish  
  Northern Irish  
  rish  
  Gypsy  
  Roma  
  Traveller  
  Indian  
  Pakistani  
  Bangladeshi  
 Chinese  
  African  
  Caribbean  
  Prefer not to say  
  Any other ethnic group

# Disability

*Do you consider yourself to have a disability?*

 Yes  
 No  
 Prefer not to say