

## **Quality of Life Foundation**

### **Trading Subsidiary Director (voluntary position)**

The Quality of Life Foundation is looking for an experienced individual to join the Board of Directors of our wholly-owned trading subsidiary, QOLF Trading Ltd. We are particularly interested in candidates with a commercial or consultancy background.

This is a great opportunity to join the board of a growing and impactful organisation, working with industry experts to bridge the gap between health and wellbeing and the built environment.

### **The Quality of Life Foundation**

The Quality of Life Foundation was established in 2019 and has been a UK Charity since 2022. It has a vision for a housing system that improves people's quality of life in their homes and neighbourhoods over the long term.

We carry out independent research, share evidence, and support organisations to implement best practice in their work. We do this because having a decent, affordable home in a safe, well-designed neighbourhood is the foundation of a happy, healthy life.

### **QOLF Trading Limited**

QOLF Trading Limited is a social impact consultancy that draws on the evidence and follows the standards of the Quality of Life Foundation.

We work at the intersection of social impact, urban design, community engagement and training, helping investors, developers, local authorities and housing associations to create health, improve wellbeing and generate positive social impact for residents and communities. We take a whole-life approach to the creation and care of homes and neighbourhoods, seeking to address local needs and to encourage long-term success.

A wholly-owned subsidiary of the Quality of Life Foundation, QOLF Trading Ltd is a commercial entity whose purpose is to:

- provide income for the charity
- further the charity's objects to expand the evidence base and promote best practice in the housing and development sector.

### **The Role**

The role of the Board of Directors is to set QOLF Trading Limited's strategic direction, monitor the delivery of its objectives, and uphold its values and governance.

For this role, we are specifically looking for someone with a commercial / consultancy background. The appointed Director will sit on the QOLF Trading Limited Board with the Foundation's Director, Matthew Morgan, and at least one of the Foundation's trustees.

**Key responsibilities of the Director:**

- Set and monitor QOLF Trading's strategic direction and business plans.
- Monitor financial performance for sustainable growth.
- Approve and oversee annual budgets.
- Ensure legal and regulatory compliance, ensuring governance and performance are of the highest possible standard.
- Manage risks, conflict of interests and internal controls.
- Assess and address conflicts of interest, ensuring QoLF Trading's activities do not compromise the charitable status and reputation of QoLF.
- Represent QoLF Trading among key stakeholders, sharing its aims, findings and achievements to further establish its profile and business opportunities.
- Work in close partnership with other Directors and QoLF staff.

**You**

You are a leading professional in your industry with the time and commitment to help accelerate our growth and impact. You are a strategic thinker, excellent communicator and team-player, able to demonstrate:

- A commitment to the Quality of Life Foundation's mission and vision.
- Knowledge and understanding of a commercial consultancy business.
- An understanding or appreciation of issues around design quality or health and wellbeing.
- Understanding and acceptance of the legal duties and responsibilities of Directorship.
- The ability to quickly understand, explore and resolve strategic issues, and to set and prioritise objectives.
- Integrity, good independent judgement and the ability to think creatively.
- The ability to convey ideas, information and opinions clearly and concisely including a preparedness to make unpopular recommendations to the Board.
- The ability to listen intently, carefully and objectively and work effectively and collaboratively with other Directors.
- A good network and the ability to combine various specialisms.

We are committed to maintaining a diverse and inclusive board, containing a broad range of skills, experience and backgrounds.

The appointed individual will be offered induction and training as needed.

### **Commitment**

The QOLF Trading board meets online for one hour on the first Monday of every month. Directors are appointed for an initial term of two years. The position is unpaid, but reasonable expenses will be covered.

### **How to Apply**

Please send a CV and covering letter to **mail@qolf.org** using the subject 'QOLF Trading Limited Director application'. Your covering letter should outline your experience, why you would be suited for the role and why you want to join the QOLF Trading Limited Board.

If you require further information, or would like an informal conversation about the role, please contact Matthew Morgan, Director, at [matthew@qolf.org](mailto:matthew@qolf.org) / 07773 783399, or Jonny Anstead, Chair, at [jonny@wearetown.co.uk](mailto:jonny@wearetown.co.uk) / 07500 335315.

Applications will be considered by the Chair and Trustees of the Quality of Life Foundation. Suitable candidates will be invited to interview.

There is no deadline for applications - however we reserve the right to close applications at any time upon appointment of a suitable candidate, therefore early applications are encouraged.