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**Executive Committee Member Application Form**

**Important information for applicants**

*Please do not alter this form.  Complete, save and submit in* ***Word*** *format only.*

Let us know if you require any adjustments to help you realise your full potential. If you require this form in an alternative format such as plain text or large print, if you would like more information on the application process, or would like a confidential discussion on any adjustments that would support your application, please contact [secretary@hrla.org.uk](mailto:secretary@hrla.org.uk).

Information provided will be processed only for the purposes of considering your application to become an Executive Committee member and processed in accordance with paragraph 7 of our privacy policy. A copy is available on our website or upon request to [secretary@hrla.org.uk](mailto:secretary@hrla.org.uk).

Please note that information provided in your application form will be shared with members of the current Executive Committee as necessary to carry out the recruitment process and your name and (if relevant) organisation will be shared with members of the HRLA. In the event of a contested election for the position for which you have applied, your name, current role and (if relevant) job title and organisation, the position you have applied for, and the information you have provided in the ‘KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE’ and ‘YOUR INTERESTS’ sections below will be circulated to members of the HRLA to inform the election.

Please note that Executive Committee members’ names will be shared with the membership of the HRLA and will appear on the HRLA’s website in connection with their membership of the Executive Committee. An example of the latter can be found [here](https://hrla.org.uk/executive-committee/). In addition, you will be asked to provide a photograph of yourself and a short biography for publication on the HRLA website.

**Please note that Executive Committee membership is a voluntary position.**

If you would like to talk to someone about the application, please do not hesitate to contact [secretary@hrla.org.uk](mailto:secretary@hrla.org.uk).

**Please send your completed application in *Word* format in one email to** [**secretary@hrla.org.uk**](mailto:secretary@hrla.org.uk)**. The deadline for applications is 23:59 on Sunday 2 February 2025.**

We look forward to hearing from you!

**How did you discover this vacancy?**

Click or tap here to enter text.

**Part 1 of 2 Personal Details**

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| **PRELIMINARY QUESTIONS** |
| **Are you currently an HRLA member and in what category is your membership (Corporate Membership or Individual Membership)? Please contact** [**secretary@hrla.org.uk**](mailto:secretary@hrla.org.uk) **if you are unsure. Please note that you must be a member of the HRLA to become an elected member of the Executive Committee.** |
| Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Are you applying for an Officer role? If so, which one?** |
| Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **If you are an existing or previous Committee member, please state which role you hold/held:** |
| Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Please specify your current professional role and if relevant, provide your job title and organisation.** |
| Click or tap here to enter text. |

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| **CONTACT DETAILS** |
| **Title and Full Name:** |
| Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Contact telephone number:** |
| Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Email Address:** |
| Click or tap here to enter text. |

**PART 2 SELF APPRAISAL**

Please use this section to demonstrate how your skills, experience and knowledge would help the HRLA Executive Committee.

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| **KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE** |
| **Please highlight your knowledge and experience which best reflects how you are suited to the work the HRLA undertakes; for example, you may have experience in the practice of human rights law, events planning, fundraising, communications, drafting briefs, blogging etc. (up to 250 words)** |
| Click or tap here to enter text. |

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| **YOUR INTERESTS** |
| **Please give an idea of the type of role you would like to take up at the HRLA, considering the knowledge and experience you will be bringing. (up to 250 words)** |
| Click or tap here to enter text. |

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| **AVAILABILITY** |
| **Is there any constraint of time on your ability to commit to attending one committee meeting a month, which is likely to take place in the early evening at around 17:30 (UK time)? Committee meetings currently take place on Tuesday, but that is open to change if an alternative day would better suit the new Committee. Meeting attendance may be via audio and/or video link and/or in person, and we seek to accommodate access for Disabled persons.** |
| Click or tap here to enter text. |

***Thank you for your application and your interest.***

**NOTES FOR APPLICANTS**

**General information**

Our principal objective is to protect and promote human rights in the United Kingdom. We aim to increase knowledge and understanding of human rights and to aid their effective implementation within the UK legal framework and system of government. We aim to further research, education and training in the areas of human rights law and practice, and facilitate the exchange of views between specialists from different areas of expertise and the wider legal community. The HRLA is an apolitical, specialist lawyers’ association that deals exclusively with human rights law.

## **HRLA Ethos**

Essential to the effective guarantee of human rights is the obligation on the part of government to promote and protect them. Government is vital to the delivery of human rights, as are human rights defenders. Ultimately human rights are unlikely to be realised in the absence of independent courts and tribunals. HRLA includes all involved in the delivery of human rights within its activities.

HRLA believes in the promotion of the rule of law and the guarantee of human rights through law. HRLA:

* is inclusive and balanced;
* reflects the full range of views and legal opinion of those committed to human rights;
* where appropriate, is critical and constructive; and
* is open and accessible to all groups of practitioners and those involved in the law who are interested in the promotion of human rights.