

Council Member application form

The Ethos of Newman University

The current members of Newman Council particularly want applicants to know that new Members will be warmly welcomed. The contributions of all Members are much appreciated.

Newman is very proud of its diverse community and wants to see the fantastic diversity of its student population reflected in our Council. Given our richly diverse student community, we are particularly interested in hearing from applicants from groups currently under-represented on the Council (Board).

Applications are welcome from individuals of any race, sex, disability, religion, belief, age, or sexual orientation who can demonstrate a commitment to the work of Newman University.

Personal details

Salutation	<input type="text"/>	<u>Telephone</u>	
Surname	<input type="text"/>	Home	<input type="text"/>
Other names	<input type="text"/>	Other	<input type="text"/>
Address	<input type="text"/>	Email	<input type="text"/>

Current Occupation and Organisation

Do you have any current or previous volunteer/trustee/governor experience?

Yes No (please check appropriate box)

If yes, please give details, including names of organisations and dates and explain how this experience supports your application.

Please tell us about your suitability for the role:

In each section below, please give a brief outline of how your skills, knowledge and experience fit the criteria noted below. Please give demonstrable examples wherever possible to support your application. Please note the guidance information available.

Interest in the Role

Summarise what particularly interests you about becoming a Council member at Newman University.

Please limit your response to 300 words.

Knowledge and Experience

Please tell us how you would be able to contribute to the work of the Council, making particular reference to your specific skills and experience and the qualities required for the post. You should tell us about the abilities and skills that you possess through examples relating to the following:

Ability to demonstrate good judgement

Act with reasonable skill and care

Willing to offer constructive challenge and support judgements

An effective communicator: clear, concise and able to adapt to the needs of the audience

Using the abilities and skills in the above bullets to swiftly make sense of complex and unfamiliar information and longer term, demonstrating a willingness to learn the contextual aspects of the HE Sector

Please limit your response to 400 words.

Conflict of interest

Are there any other facts, activities or connections which you feel might be raised in future about your suitability to hold the position of Council member and director of Newman University, because they present - or may present - a conflict of interest? These may include issues such as personal relationships or membership of organisations, or other circumstances.

Reputation of the University

It is a requirement of Newman University that all its Council members must be fit and proper persons. This is directly related to the preservation of the University's reputation. This will also be assessed to check all candidates' suitability for the role.

Newman Council members have a duty to observe the highest standards of corporate governance and are required to observe the Seven Principles of Public Life, commonly known as the 'Nolan principles'. These form the basis of the ethical standards expected of public office holders. Please see link for more information: [The 7 principles of public life](#)

The Office for Students is the University sector's regulatory body. Further information regarding the Office for Students can be found here: <https://www.officeforstudents.org.uk/about/>

Please also see the Office for Student's public interest governance principles which apply to all registered providers: [Public interest governance principles - Office for Students](#)

Should you be successful in your application, is there anything about your professional or personal history which, if brought into the public domain, might compromise the reputation of the organisation, and call into question that you are a 'fit and proper person' for University governance? If so, please give details below.

Religion (* see Section 3 within the Guidance Notes)

Newman University welcomes staff, students and council members of all religions and none.

In keeping with the University's Vision, Mission, Values and Instrument of Governance, there are some positions on Council designated for Catholic council members.

Are you a Catholic? If so, please tick the box

And do you wish to serve as a Catholic member? If so, please tick the box

Commitment

Please tick the box to confirm:

I understand and am willing to commit the necessary time, preparation and Effort to the proper discharge of the responsibilities of a Council member.

DECLARATION

I confirm that the information given on this form is correct and understand that any false statement may be sufficient cause for rejection, or if appointed, may subsequently result in the termination of my appointment. I understand that my application information will be stored in manual and electronic files and is subject to the provisions of the General Data Protection Regulations.

Signed _____

Date _____

References

Please give the name and addresses of two referees who can comment on your suitability for this role. Should the Nominations Committee wish to proceed with your appointment following interview, we will contact these referees at this stage. Please note references from relatives are not acceptable.

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