



Are you interested in contributing your views as a TEP?

Could you be the next Trainee EP Member on the Association of Educational Psychologists Committee?

I am Emma Smith a Year 3 TEP at the University of Sheffield. I am currently the TEP Member on the National Executive Committee of the AEP but my term in this role is coming to an end so this post is to share details of the role in the hopes of recruiting a new TEP Member

What is involved in the role?

As TEP member on the NEC I liaise with the TEP Reps on the different Doctorate courses across the country, arrange meetings with them and act as a communication point between TEP Reps and the AEP.

I also attend National Executive Committee meetings online and in person with the committee for the AEP. This involves contributing to discussions, with a particular contribution in terms of the views of TEPs. I contribute to the working groups in the AEP to support their campaigns and guidance for all within the membership but in particular spotlighting the interests of TEPs.

I work with members of the AEP to plan and deliver the Annual TEP Virtual Conference

Benefits of the role for TEPs

Having their views shared at the highest level of the AEP organisation and being able to contribute to wider discussions across the profession.

Ensuring that the TEP Conference is organised with TEP contributions and is suited to the development needs of TEPs.

Benefits to me as a TEP

Getting to contribute to bigger discussions affecting the profession and being able to see what the AEP is doing to support its members across the country.

Networking with TEPs and EPs across the country, exploring different experiences and being able to access CPD through the AEP conferences.

Things to consider

There are 6 NEC meetings across the year that I aim to attend. They alternate between online and in person and reasonable travel expenses are claimable. I have done this as a shared role and so we split the meetings up and I have done it on my own where I have attended as many meetings as I can with some attending virtually which is supported and facilitated by AEP staff. You can throw yourself into the role as much as you want, I contribute to other elements as and when my personal and course commitments allow and the AEP is aware of there being various pressure points across the year.

This role is for two years and would suit a Year 1 or Year 2 TEP who is organised, interested in the work of the AEP and is keen to share their views and the views of their fellow TEPs.

You can share the role with another TEP if you would like to do it jointly.

How to be elected

If you are interested in the role but have more questions feel free to get in touch emma.smith@aep.org.uk

In order to take on the role you have to be a member of the AEP and be nominated by two other members. If you are nominated unopposed then you will have the post, otherwise there will be a vote amongst members.

I have really valued my time in this role and I am very sad that my term as the TEP Member is coming to an end. It has been incredible for my development of skills as a future EP and as a contributing member of the AEP where I feel my views and contributions can make a difference to our profession.