



ENSA's Trustee Board, first established in 2013, has an inbuilt student majority. ENSA has consciously invested in external professional expertise and the use of "critical friends" to embed appropriate structures and processes. It has also sought to develop a culture that will support the Board's aim of building a stronger association that is capable of delivering on ENSA's mission.

The membership of ENSA's Board is comprised of full time student officers (elected sabbaticals), students who are appointed solely as trustees, and external lay trustees who bring with them a range of expertise and perspectives from outwith the organisation. The current backgrounds of external trustees on the Board are: accountancy and management accounting, HR, and fund-raising.

The Trustee Board is collectively in charge of ENSA; for upholding its values and aligning it to the Association's charitable aims. It aspires constantly to improve standards of governance and standards of good practice. It also sets the overall strategy for ENSA and evaluates progress towards goals. It has overall responsibility for ENSA's governance: assets and ENSA's employees (currently 18, or 15 full time equivalent including 3 full time paid elected student officers), budget-setting and financial reporting, health and safety, risk assessment and legal compliance.

In line with charity law, all of ENSA's trustees (student and lay external, elected or appointed) have equal status. They have a variety of experience and skills, which may bring different perspectives, but they are each and all, jointly and severally, liable for the running of the charity. Trustees are expected to take their responsibilities seriously, attend meetings, and manage any conflicts of interests appropriately. They are also expected to engage in the legitimate business of the Board and contribute to its work; ensuring due diligence through adherence to robust decision-making and scrutinising processes.