



Would you like to join the MCJN Board of Trustees?

The Marie Colvin Journalists' Network (MCJN) is a small, UK-registered charity that provides professional development and essential assistance to women journalists from across the Arab region, supporting them to thrive in their careers as they confront discrimination, violence and curbs on freedom of speech. We provide mentorships, counselling, professional opportunities and networking, Arabic-language resources, and referrals. We work closely with leading press freedom advocates, mental health professionals, media outlets, safety and security experts, lawyers, and trainers to provide our Network members with the specialised advice and support they need so they can survive and thrive as professional women journalists in the journalism industry. From 2016 to 2022, MCJN operated as a project of "[The Circle](#)". **MCJN has now been a fully-independent charity for more than three years and we are expanding our Board of Trustees with a particular interest in recruiting Trustees with transferable FUNDRAISING/BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT skills and expertise to help MCJN secure its future. Specifically, we would love to hear from you if you have experience in one or more of the following areas:** *Developing or leading a fundraising strategy; trusts & foundations; high-net-worth/major donor giving; global philanthropy; corporate partnerships & sponsorship; legacy fundraising; individual & community fundraising; income diversification; or related fields.*

What does it involve?

- **Being a Trustee of a UK charity is a voluntary (unpaid/pro-bono) and part-time role.** Drawing on your knowledge of senior leadership in comparative fields, you will play a vital role in **ensuring that MCJN is a well-governed charity** that is delivering our charitable outcomes for the benefit of the public as outlined in our Articles of Association.
- You will **join and contribute to MCJN's quarterly board meetings (held virtually)** where alongside your fellow trustees **you will play an important role in helping MCJN to plan ahead strategically.** You will support fellow Trustees to make balanced and informed decisions across a range of topics, thinking about the long and short term to ensure the charity develops impactful and achievable strategic plans in line with its governing document and the needs of the community it serves.
- Drawing on your prior experience from other settings, we expect you to draw on past experience, and leverage your own networks and knowledge to **actively contribute towards MCJN's fundraising efforts.** You will play a leading role in generating and implementing successful fundraising initiatives for MCJN, involving coordination with fellow trustees, MCJN personnel and other advisors. In addition to contributing to the development and implementation of min. one fundraising event per year in London, you will play an important part in enabling MCJN to build a more diversified and sustainable charitable income stream through varied philanthropic channels.
- Where required and only if appropriate, you might be asked to **represent MCJN** in external communications or settings in support of MCJN's fundraising efforts.
- You may draw on comparative experiences and knowledge to also help ensure the board is fully **informed about its charitable duties and responsibilities**, such as advising on **compliance with relevant UK charity and company law** requirements.
- You may also support the MCJN Executive Director and fellow Trustees in the **development and implementation of appropriate policies and procedures.**
- **All in all, you will play a key role in helping us make a tangible difference and keeping Arab women journalists in the industry at this challenging time!** Through all the above, you will directly contribute towards strengthening MCJN's ability to make a sustainable, effective, long-term and positive impact on the journalism industry – especially for women – in the Arab region (and beyond!).
- All Trustees are expected to follow high standards of behaviour and abide by the MCJN Code of Conduct.

Deadline for applications / submissions of interest: **26th October 2026**

We look forward to hearing from you!