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Call for Chair of the Editorial Board

WES is seeking a new Chair of the Editorial Board, 2026-2029

The Chair of the Board will have authority, flexibility and impartiality. The role involves oversight of the Editorial Board, chairing the board meetings, the handling of potentially contentious and sensitive publishing ethics cases and some editing when the journal receives submissions from its Editors.

The Editorial Board meetings twice a year virtually. With an Editorial Board of 80+ individuals, based internationally, we are looking for a chair with experience of chairing large meetings and fostering participation. These meetings are supported by the BSA staff.

Nominees should demonstrate previous experience of the WES journal, understanding of its ethos, and be nominated by a current WES Editorial Board member. Nominees should be BSA members at time of nomination and will maintain BSA membership throughout the term of office.

Chairs are able to submit and publish in the journal during their terms of office. The journal has a robust method in place to ensure unbiased peer review.

Current/Former Chairs of the WES Editorial Board:

2008-11	Stephen Ackroyd, Lancaster University
2012-14	Andrew Danford, University of the West of England, Bristol
2015-18	Jackie O'Reilly, University of Sussex
2019-22	Irena Grugulis, University of Leeds
2023-26	Elizabeth Cotton, University of Leicester

Deadline for nominations: 13 August 2026

Nominations should be submitted by email including the name of the candidate, name of the nominator and a short statement demonstrating suitability for the role.

For more information about the role please contact

[Elizabeth Cotton](#), current Chair of the WES Editorial Board

To submit a nomination, please [email Alison Danforth](#), BSA Publications Manager