



Chair, Ignite Consultants (Volunteer role)

Help shape the next generation of socially conscious leaders

Role Description

Ignite is student-led and professionally governed. The Chair's role is to steward the organisation, support emerging leaders, and help ensure Ignite continues to create impact for both students and communities.

About Ignite

[Ignite](#) is a student-run not-for-profit, our mission is to help maximise the impact of the not-for-profit sector and develop the next generation of socially conscious leaders.

Through real world consulting projects, groups of students work alongside social organisations to tackle the challenges they are facing. Since 2009, Ignite has provided hundreds of students with hands-on consulting and leadership experience, insights into the not-for-profit sector, whilst helping community organisations and creating meaningful social impact.

Governance Model

Ignite's day-to-day operations are led by student executive teams in Dunedin and Wellington. Governance is provided by a national Board of Trustees made up primarily of experienced professionals committed to the kaupapa of Ignite who support, challenge, and guide the organisation's long-term success. provide governance to Ignite and support to the student-led Executives.

The Opportunity

Ignite has reached an exciting stage of its development. We have strong foundations through consistent financial stability and high levels of co-operation and consistency between our Dunedin and Wellington branches. We have aspirations for the future and are seeking a Chair who can help guide our next chapter.

The Chair provides strategic leadership, fosters effective governance, and supports student leaders to realise Ignite's vision of a socially conscious future. We welcome candidates with leadership experience, a socially conscious focus and commercial acumen.

Ignite believes that upholding Te Tiriti o Waitangi is critical to building a socially conscious future in Aotearoa New Zealand and the Chair will play an important role in putting our Te Tiriti commitment to into practice. This does not mean the Chair must already be an expert in this field, but an interest and commitment to learning and developing competency regarding Te Tiriti is essential.

Responsibilities

The Chair's specific responsibilities within Ignite include (but are not limited to):

- Champion the strategic direction of the Ignite Trust, ensuring alignment with our mission and vision.

- Lead and facilitate board meetings, ensuring that all voices are heard and that decisions are made in a collaborative and informed manner.
- Provide governance oversight and strategic direction to Ignite's student-lead executive teams, ensuring they are supported to succeed.
- Champion leadership development across the organisation, helping create an environment where student leaders and board members can lead, learn and grow.
- Build and maintain strong relationships with key stakeholders and partners.
- Act as a steward of Ignite's long-term sustainability, reputation and impact.
- Champion Ignite's strategy to uphold Te Tiriti o Waitangi and enable the organization to put this strategy into practice.
- Assess the current skill sets of the Board and identify areas for development or recruitment to ensure a well-rounded and effective governance team.
- Ensure continuity of the Board and lead the recruitment process for the branch CEOs.

Key applicant attributes: We are looking for someone who understands how to govern, when to guide, when to challenge, and when to trust others to lead. You:

- Are genuinely passionate about community impact and developing the future generations of young leaders in Aotearoa New Zealand.
- Bring governance, leadership, or strategic experience and sound judgement.
- Build trusted relationships and work effectively with people from diverse backgrounds and levels of experience.
- Can facilitate discussion, draw out different perspectives, and build consensus.
- Are committed to honouring Te Tiriti o Waitangi and ongoing learning in this area.

Desirable experience

- Previous not-for-profit governance or board experience.
- Experience in organisational finance / funding.

Expectations of Trustees

- Attend virtual monthly meetings (normally first Wednesday of the month, in the evening) and undertake action items as required.
- Attendance to strategy weekend in either Dunedin or Wellington [Limited funds are available for travel assistance if required].
- Ongoing communication via email with other Board members.
- Overall, a time commitment of 5 hours per month. This can increase during the months around recruitment of executive positions or strategy focused meetings.
- The role is voluntary (i.e. no meeting fees payable)

Please send your CV (and optional cover letter) to mathew.barnett@igniteconsultants.co.nz

Selection Process - Key Dates	Actions
29/06/2026	Applications open
14/07/2026	Applications close
14-20/07/2026	Interviews