

## VSR EMB Elections 2015

There are 3 vacancies for the Editorial Management Board of **Voluntary Sector Review journal**. The following 5 VSSN members have put their names forward for election.

Name of Candidate	Supporting Statement
<p><b>Tracey Coule</b></p>	<p>My involvement with VSSN dates back over 8 years and includes being awarded the Campbell Adamson Memorial Prize for best overall paper at the NCVO/VSSN 13<sup>th</sup> Researching the Voluntary Sector Conference in 2007 and co-chairing a VSSN Day Conference on Governance. I am currently a Reader in Non-profit Governance and Organization at Sheffield Hallam University and recently took on co-leadership of the University-wide Centre for Voluntary Sector Research, where I retain my passion for policy and practice-relevant research.</p> <p>My own research interests and publications coalesce around the nature of organising and managing work in non-profit organisations and its linkages to wider societal arrangements, supplemented by a strong interest in research philosophy and methodology. I have published in highly regarded journals such as Non-profit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly and Public Administration and review for journals including Voluntary Sector Review, Non-profit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly, Public Administration, International Journal of Sociology and Social Policy and Organizational Research Methods. I would therefore bring an appreciation of diverse methodological and disciplinary traditions to VSR, alongside a commitment to publishing high-quality work from any perspective relevant to the field in order to encourage productive lines of inter-disciplinary debate.</p>
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<p><b>Daiga Kamerāde</b></p>	<p>I am applying for the VSR Editorial Management Board because I believe I can make a significant contribution to the smooth running and future development of the journal. I believe the journal is very important because, unlike other voluntary sector journals, it provides a platform not only for academic but also policy and practice debates.</p> <p>I have experience of publishing in the VSR and other good quality journals, such as Voluntas, European Sociological Review and Sociological Research Online. In addition I have reviewed papers not only for the VSR but also for Work, Employment and Society and the Cambridge Journal of Economics.</p> <p>This experience gives me a solid understanding of the editorial standards that a good quality journal should meet. I am highly organised, committed and never miss a deadline - these qualities are very important for a smooth editorial process.</p> <p>The VSR will benefit from my expertise in quantitative methods – I can judge whether an article is good enough to give to a peer review or find reviewers with relevant quantitative expertise.</p> <p>In addition, I bring my openness to interdisciplinary work. My first degree is in psychology, but my PhD is in social and political sciences.</p> <p>So far I have been an author and peer-reviewer. Now I want to develop my experience further by joining the Editorial Board to contribute to a journal I believe is an indispensable source of information for everyone researching or working in the voluntary sector.</p>
<p><b>Markus Ketola</b></p>	<p>I am a lecturer in Social Policy at Ulster University, Belfast, having previously been based at the LSE’s Social Policy Department and Centre for Civil Society. I would be hopeful that my contribution to the Editorial Management Board would be threefold.</p> <p>First of all, my research interests are located primarily at the intersection of voluntary sector and social policy, enabling me to contribute to the journal’s ‘policy review’ section.</p> <p>Secondly, I am particularly in international and comparative approaches to the study of the voluntary sector, having researched the sector in Finnish, Turkish, UK and EU contexts. I would be particularly interested in exploring further areas where international and comparative research resonates strongly with the UK context and experiences.</p> <p>Thirdly, my research considers the ‘politics’ of the voluntary sector  <b>Statement continues on next page</b></p>

	<p>in the UK context, and I am particularly interested in how the sector's independence is affected by changes in government rhetoric and policy towards the sector. This focus would enable me to support the Journal's engagement in the contemporary political debates (e.g. around austerity) and their relationship with the sector.</p>
<p><b>Féilim Ó hAdhmaill</b></p>	<p>I would like to stand for election to the VSN Editorial Management Board. I think I might be able to contribute a comparative international perspective to the journal, one with an understanding of trends in policy and practice in the voluntary and community sector, in Ireland, North and South. I'm currently Programme Director for the <a href="#">Masters in Voluntary and Community Sector Management</a> at University College Cork, in Ireland and also teach and research in the field of community development. Previously I've also lectured in this area at the University of Ulster in the North. Throughout my life I've been involved in a wide range of voluntary sector activity at community, regional and national levels, in Ireland, North and South, both in a paid and unpaid capacity. This has ranged from work in Welfare rights, Social Housing and Community Education, employment as social policy officer for the NICVA and NI Citizens Advice Bureaux, and involvement on a range of voluntary sector committees both North and South including Community Technical Aid NI (of which I was a co-founder), NI Community Education Assoc., and Community Workers Co-op. I have also served on the Council for Irish Medium Education and a number of School Boards. In the past I was Deputy Editor of SCOPE magazine (NICVA) and served on a number of Editorial Boards – e.g. Welfare Rights News (Law Centre), Just News (CAJ). I have also a number of academic publications relating to the voluntary and community sector North and South.</p>
<p><b>James Rees</b></p>	<p>I would very much like to be elected to continue to serve on the VSR EMB. I have been on the board for three years and in that time I have also taken over the Book Reviews editorship. I have found the experience of being on the board very rewarding and hope to continue to contribute to the success and sustainability of this rigorous, lively and relevant journal.</p> <p>I have been at the Third Sector Research Centre since 2011 where I completed research into the third sector's role in public service delivery. I have published widely on public services and the third sector, including contributing to recent theoretical debates, and have also published on local governance and devolution. I am also on the board of the Journal of Social Policy and peer review for a wide range of related journals.</p>
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