

## VSSN Elections 2012 VSR EMB

There are 2 vacancies for the **Editorial Management Board of the Voluntary Sector Review**. The following VSSN members have put their names forward for election.

Name of Candidate	Supporting Statement
<b>Harris, Margaret</b>	<p>I was delighted to be elected to serve on the EMB of VSSN’s new journal three years ago and I have enjoyed working with the Editor, the Editorial Team and the Publishers to get VSR established. I believe that, as a long-standing researcher of the voluntary sector, I have brought to the editorial effort knowledge of, and close contacts with, potential reviewers and contributors to VSR - in the UK and internationally.</p> <p>As a former International Editor of ‘Nonprofit Management and Leadership’ and a current member of the Editorial Board of ‘Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly’, I have also been able to facilitate linkages and knowledge-sharing with the editorial teams of these two other important journals in our field. I have been able to work with the Editorial Team on encouraging submissions to the new journal, marketing the journal, and providing manuscript reviews (helpful ones I hope). I have taken a lead on monitoring VSR’s coverage of the range of possible topics, issues and academic perspectives appropriate for the journal.</p> <p>I would welcome the opportunity to continue to contribute in these ways to VSR for another three years, helping to get it firmly established as a key journal of quality in the nonprofit and voluntary sector academic field.</p>

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<p><b>Pharoah, Cathy</b></p>	<p>I am highly committed to building the voluntary sector research field, and helped found VSR. I am currently Assistant Editor. I see VSR as having a vital role in bringing a relatively scattered body of work together in one place, providing much-needed publishing opportunities for existing and new researchers in the field, and promoting a rigorous approach to the study of voluntary action and philanthropy. The qualities I think I bring to this are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- an appreciation of the multidisciplinary nature of voluntary sector studies, a knowledge of current work and developments in academic, practice and policy fields, and an interest in publishing work from different disciplines in VSR</li> <li>- a network of international contacts</li> <li>- strong engagement and relationships with voluntary sector policy and practice worlds, and a commitment to the role of VSR in knowledge exchange between academics, practitioners and policy-makers</li> <li>- a commitment to high standards of authorship and editing</li> <li>- extensive writing and editing experience in academic and practice/ policy journals.</li> </ul> <p>As Assistant Editor I contribute to VSR in many ways, supporting the Editor, identifying and soliciting authors and papers, advising potential contributors, reviewing papers, liaison with other academic member networks (eg ISTR, ERNOP), marketing.</p> <p>To remain competitive, VSR needs to build on its achievements and ensure it is increasingly seen as a leading-edge source of academic, policy and practice review, of interest to a wide audience. I would particularly like to strengthen the journal's links into current thinking and developments in policy and practice fields, working with the VSR policy and practice editors to encourage a wider range of potential contributors to the journal.</p> <p>As VSSN Treasurer I have a good understanding of the Journal's financial position.</p>
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<p><b>Rees, James</b></p>	<p>I have been at the Third Sector Research Centre since the beginning of 2011 and carry out research into the third sector's role in public service delivery. I have published more widely on governance and economic development issues, but my next tranche of submissions to academic journals will be on topics relating to public services and the third sector, including some that aim to contribute to recent theoretical debates on the third sector.</p> <p>I have extensive experience of reviewing journal submissions for a variety of journals across different disciplines - including for Voluntary Sector Review - and I hope I approach the task with academic rigour whilst being encouraging to other authors. I am now very keen to become involved in the editorial management board of VSR and will bring considerable enthusiasm to the role.</p>
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