

Member of Steering Group - Finance Representative

Rethinking Security is seeking an additional member of its Steering Group with expertise in financial management (essential) and fundraising (desirable) to advise its staff and governing body.

The Role:

The Finance Representative will be a full member of Rethinking Security's Steering Group as well as our Council. Their role will include:

- Participating collectively in the governance and oversight of all Rethinking Security's work as a member of its Steering Group;
- Contributing to the setting and review of Rethinking Security strategy and annual priorities as a member of its Council;
- Advising the Coordinator and Steering Group on the effective management of Rethinking Security finances;
- Assisting the Coordinator and staff in the raising of new funds and financial reporting to donors, as necessary.

The role does not involve the authorisation and processing of transactions, which is conducted by the finance department of our host organisation ([Saferworld](#)), nor the compilation and filing of formal annual accounts.

Person Specification:

The ideal person will have:

Essential:

- Experience in the management and oversight of restricted and unrestricted funds within a charitable organisation or non-governmental organisation (NGO);
- Interest in and commitment to advancing the work of Rethinking Security.

Desirable:

- Knowledge of the funding environment in which peace and security NGOs operate, including knowledge of or contacts with trusts and foundations or other donors.

No formal qualifications or prior experience of governance bodies is required.

We strongly encourage candidates from all backgrounds to apply. We are particularly keen to hear from younger adults and people from backgrounds under-represented in our membership. We are committed to ensuring diversity and gender equality within our organisation and increasing representation from all ethnic, faith and social groups in order to ensure dynamism and diversity at the heart of our network.

Time Requirement:

The role is expected to include participation in Steering Group meetings of 1-2 hours about every six weeks. This totals about 16 hours per year and is currently by virtual means.

The Finance Representative will also be invited to attend Council meetings twice per year. These are normally one short day (in London) and two days (residential, out of London).

The term of office is three years, renewable once.

Remuneration:

This is an unpaid voluntary position but RS will cover reasonable costs associated with attending meetings.

No formal trusteeship, directorship or personal liability is entailed as Rethinking Security is not a registered entity.

About Rethinking Security:

Rethinking Security is a network of UK-based organisations, academics and activists. We work for a just and peaceful world, based on approaches that address the underlying causes of conflict and insecurity. We have a shared concern that the current approach to national security in the UK and beyond often hampers efforts for peace, justice and ecological sustainability. We are committed to building a much richer understanding of what security really means, and of what is required to build sustainable security.

The **RS Steering Group** (SG) is the executive branch of Rethinking Security and oversees the implementation of activities and spending, including submission of new funding proposals in support of objectives agreed by Council. It will have a membership of 6-8 people, including the RS Coordinator (the sole employee), a representative of the host organisation, 3-5 other members of the RS Council, and the Finance Representative. It meets virtually about every 6 weeks for 1.5 hours.

The **RS Council** is the main body representing members of the network, both organisational and individual. It provides a forum for networking with other members, discussing and advising on security issues and policies. It sets the broad direction of RS' work, including strategy, goals and annual priorities, and decides on any changes to RS structures and governance. It usually meets twice per year, in January and June. Additional meetings are occasionally convened between these as useful and necessary. It currently has 19 members.

RS is hosted by [Saferworld](#), a registered charity and peacebuilding NGO. Saferworld employs RS staff, holds its funding and undertakes its financial transactions in line with its charitable objects. It participates in its governance collectively with other network members.

Application

To express interest please send a short letter and current CV to Richard Reeve, Rethinking Security's Coordinator: Richard@rethinkingsecurity.org.uk .