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Trustee Information Pack

Recruiting a new member to the Board

Seeking someone with extensive experience of social innovation in the so-called 'Global South'. We desire a board that is not just globally minded, but globally rooted. This individual will help us hold ourselves accountable to that ambition.

Markus Lux, Chair of the Board
Carly Wickham, CEO



Introduction from our Chair, Markus Lux

EdelGive/SIX is at a pivotal moment. After 17 years as SIX (Social Innovation Exchange) - one of the world's most respected social innovation networks - we have entered a transformative new chapter in partnership with India's EdelGive Foundation, headquartered in Mumbai. We are an experiment: a new kind of genuine global collaboration.

We are transitioning - rebuilding for impact and sustainability with a two-year runway and a new CEO at the helm. Our vision for 2027 is to strengthen our role as a trusted global partner supporting social innovation practitioners in building their capabilities.

Our vision remains as urgent and relevant as ever. We believe peaceful coexistence depends on finding answers to current very pressing global challenges. We can only master these challenges together and by incorporating different viewpoints and for all people to have an equal chance to participate in society. We need social innovations; new partnerships, pioneers, prototypes, capital flows, and shared resources to help us achieve this.

We have often spoken about the Global South as the source of some of the world's most dynamic social innovation. Our aim is to transition our board over time to reflect this global dynamism. Our invitation is that these seats exist to close that gap, and to give someone genuinely embedded in the social innovation infrastructure of Africa, Latin America, Middle East, or South East Asia real influence over how this organisation thinks, acts, and directs resources.

We look forward to connecting with you,
Markus

The Role

Board members of EdelGive/SIX are trustees of a UK-registered charity and company limited by guarantee. But before the legal framing, this is an invitation to co-shape a genuinely experimental global organisation.

What you will do

- Bring your ecosystem - the networks, relationships, and on-the-ground knowledge you have built in your region - into our strategic thinking
- Hold us accountable to our Global South commitments, not just in language but in decisions about programmes, partnerships, and resources
- Contribute to setting strategic direction as we pivot and rebuild, particularly around our global reach and partnerships



- Act as an ambassador and connector for EdelGive/SIX, opening doors we could not otherwise reach e.g. with funders such as Foundations/Philanthropists/Corporates, profile raising, or advancing our project work
- Attend four board meetings per year (online or in person, with one during our annual convening - location rotates globally)
- Contribute your specific expertise to inform how the board makes decisions - whether through policy insight, research credibility, or organisational leadership

Who We Are Looking For

Our ideal candidate lives and works inside the social innovation infrastructure of their region. Their local ecosystem knows their name.

We are looking for a leader based in or deeply rooted in Africa, Latin America, Middle East, or South East Asia, who brings at least one of the following:

- You lead or have led a social innovation organisation, lab, network, or platform in your region - you understand what it takes to build and sustain this work in context
- You have credible influence at government or policy level - you know how systemic change actually happens in your ecosystem
- You bring academic or research credibility in the social innovation field - you can help us understand what is emerging, and what gets missed in Northern accounts of the field.

You will also bring:

- A genuine belief that powerful innovations to help solve the world's wicked challenges are emerging from regions of the world that have received too little attention so far
- Comfort operating at a strategic level - you can see the whole picture and contribute to decisions within a global remit
- The confidence to challenge and redirect, not just affirm

What We Offer

We believe in honest value exchange. Joining this board is a commitment of your time and political capital. Here is what we offer in return:

Influence where it matters

Real strategic power over how a globally respected organisation directs its resources, programmes, and partnerships during a pivotal transition.

An exceptional peer network

Access to a board of exceptional leaders and our wider global network spanning philanthropy, government, civil society, and research globally.



A platform for your region's voice

The opportunity to shape how global capital flows toward social innovation - and to ensure the perspectives and innovations emerging from your region are seen and heard.

Board governance experience

For those building a portfolio of non-executive and advisory roles, this is a meaningful and credible governance position with a well-established international organisation.

Practicalities

Term	Three years, renewable twice
Time commitment	Four board meetings per year (at least one in person), plus occasional async engagement between meetings
Travel costs	We will try to cover all reasonable travel and accommodation costs for in-person meetings. We do not want finances to be a restriction to joining us.
Remuneration	This is a voluntary, unpaid position. All reasonable expenses are reimbursed promptly.
Location	Meetings are held online and in person. In-person meeting locations rotate globally.
Legal basis	UK-registered charity and Company Limited by Guarantee (incorporated 2013)

A Note on UK Trusteeship

If you have never served as a trustee of a UK charity before, that is not a barrier. We will make sure you are fully supported from day one.

If successful, you will be a Trustee of EdelGive/SIX (trading name for Social Innovation Exchange) - a UK-registered charity. We know that UK charity law and governance structures may be unfamiliar to leaders based outside the UK, we can assist with this.



As a trustee, your core legal duties are straightforward: act in the charity's best interests, ensure it is well-governed, and make sure it operates within the law. You are not personally liable for the organisation's actions as long as you act honestly and in good faith. Beyond your legal responsibilities, we hope that Trustees will provide strategic direction and assist with the systemic change EdelGive/SIX strives to deliver.

We provide:

- An induction covering UK charity governance, your legal responsibilities, and how our board operates - The Charity Commission for England and Wales also provides free, accessible guidance for new trustees
- An ongoing relationship with a Trustee Buddy, our Chair and CEO to support your engagement between meetings
- Clear, accessible and interesting board papers
- A board culture where questions are welcomed and no one is expected to know everything

Governance Responsibilities

As a trustee, you will share responsibility for ensuring EdelGive/SIX:

- Operates in accordance with its governing documents and UK charity law
- Pursues its mission faithfully and applies resources accordingly
- Maintains the highest standards of financial stewardship and organisational governance
- Upholds and protects its values, reputation, and long-term assets
- Has clear strategic direction and holds itself accountable to it

How to Apply

We welcome applications from leaders based in or deeply rooted in Africa, Latin America, Middle East, or South East Asia. We are particularly keen to hear from individuals whose profile is not typical of global charity boards - if you have read this and thought 'that's me but I've never sat on a board like this before,' we want to hear from you.

Please complete [this google form](#) if you would like to be considered. You will be asked to provide your LinkedIn profile, your CV and 200 words to answer the following four questions:

- Please describe your connection to the social innovation ecosystem in your region
- If you have previously been/are currently engaged with SIX, please share how you know us
- What you believe you could bring to EdelGive/SIX at this moment
- What excites - and/or what concerns - you about this organisation and its direction

Find out more at: www.socialinnovationexchange.org