



*Centre for the Advancement of  
Interprofessional Education*

## **Collaborative practice through learning together to work together**

### **CAIPE Co-opted National & International members to the Board**

#### **Eligibility to be a co-opted member**

CAIPE is a membership organisation with different categories of membership - individual, corporate, service user and student. CAIPE Board members are elected from within the CAIPE membership.

CAIPE depends upon its Board members as volunteers. It owes much to their expertise and endeavours in maintaining, sustaining and the ongoing expansion of CAIPE's work in promoting and supporting IPE.

However, there are occasions when it is appropriate and advantageous to CAIPE for an individual to be co-opted onto the Board when that individual has an area of relevant knowledge and expertise.

- for taking forward a specific CAIPE project,
- developing a specific area of CAIPE's work,

and who would be valuable as a member of a CAIPE Task Group, or representing another organisation with which CAIPE works closely, or representing a particular group, for example, service users or students, in the UK or internationally. For international co-opted members this includes membership of the International Liaison Task Group.

Individuals who are co-opted on to the Board are required to hold CAIPE membership in one of the membership categories for the duration of their co-option to the CAIPE Board.

#### **Role of Co-opted members**

Co-opted members attend meetings as full Board members and as such in accordance with CAIPE's constitution, a Board member missing three successive meetings without explanation may be asked to stand down.

International co-opted members may not be required to attend Board meetings in person, but participate for a substantial period of the meeting through electronic conference calls, usually via Skype, or provide detailed written comments to agenda items. All communication in Board meetings is in English and CAIPE is unable to provide travel expenses or reimburse equipment or software expenses for individuals to enable electronic participation in meetings.

Co-opted members are not normally asked to undertake a link role with a corporate member institution due to the limited time span of co-opted Board membership

Co-opted membership is normally for a period of one year but individuals can be invited to stay on for a second year as necessary / appropriate in order to complete the work with which they have been involved.

After 2 years as a co-opted member, if an individual wishes to continue to serve CAIPE, she/he can stand for election to the Board.

**It should be noted that any member of CAIPE can be invited to join a working group or task group without having to be co-opted onto the Board.**