

# Re: PME becoming a Charitable Organization

- Please read if you consider standing for IC -

A substantial transition is ahead of PME, as we apply to become Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) under the UK law (Charities Act 2011:

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2011/25/contents>).

Our plan is to have all IC members to become trustees of the new CIO. This is important for all of you who are considering to stand for the IC. The position of a trustee includes responsibilities that you should be aware of before you agree to become one. Therefore, each of you should familiarize yourself with the essentials of becoming a trustee. The legal text is hard to read but the Charity Commission has written several easier to comprehend documents about CIO and trustees.

As a future trustee, you should read the following documents:

- New PME constitution (you find this at the Path to AGM -Forum).
- Read and be ready to sign the Trustee Eligibility Declaration Form ([https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/731544/Trustee\\_Declaration\\_Form.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/731544/Trustee_Declaration_Form.pdf))
- Read the essentials for being a trustee: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/charity-trustee-whats-involved>

You should be certain that you are willing to take the position of a trustee. If you have any questions about this, you can approach Peter Liljedahl or Markku Hannula. In case you can't or don't want to become a trustee I ask you to clearly say that at the AGM before the election.

The PME International Committee will discuss the issue of becoming a CIO in the meeting immediately after the conference.

It is not required that you understand the legislation thoroughly. We have a professional solicitor to help us go through the legal process of applying to become a CIO and to fulfil any requirements. Yet, as trustees we should have an overview of what it means to be a trustee of a CIO.

Markku & Peter