

## Election Statement - Rosalind Searle

I have been a member of psychological associations since being an undergraduate. In seeking support to become a member of EAWOP Executive I would draw on my prior roles that includes positions at National and International roles.

At a national level I would draw on learning from the number of offices for the British Psychological Society's Division of Occupational Psychology. These have included leading CPD and training, and eventually as Chair. I have also representing work psychology in BPS committees, including Senate and most recently over the last two years on Research Board. These roles have entailed ensuring that work psychology perspectives are represented and add to the conversation and decisions. I have been had roles in policy leading responses to government consultations at both UK and EU levels. I have also played a role in BPS wide initiatives, such as the BPS President's task force on Refugees creating best practices for psychologists in working with refugees and migrants. This was an important forum to understand the different ways that psychology can work together to better support those in these positions.

In addition to national roles I have also held international roles most notably as Gen Sec for the Alliances of Organizational Psychology working with the three leading work psy groups including EAWOP to co-ordinate work Psychology across the world. My current role is Directing the EAWOP Impact Incubator. While the two organisations were designed to be separate the pressing nature of the current external threat leads me to believe the importance of closer alignment.

In seeking a position on the EAWOP Executive at this time I would like to provide an active bridge between these two organisations to deliver a more prominent policy role for psychology in Europe and beyond. I understand through my prior roles the subtle balancing that is required between different psychology interest groups, but how a more internal focus can leave us without voice in important debates; Increasing we are seeing economics coming into this void, and so in seeking election I am keen for psychology to provide more clear influence for policy and other stakeholders.

Europe faces a number of important challenges and significant change in areas involving work, working and workers. These areas are important opportunities for our profession in providing leadership within the field and to a variety of stakeholders. I would like to work on the executive to ensure the thriving not just surviving for our profession.