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## GM Freeze is looking for a new treasurer Can you help?



[GM Freeze](#) is the UK umbrella campaign on the use of genetic modification in food and farming. Our member organisations encompass a wide range of perspectives, but all agree that GMOs are not the way to create a responsible, fair and sustainable food system. We are looking for a new treasurer, who will serve as a member of the volunteer Management Committee.

GM Freeze employs a small staff team which manages the day to day finances, so the treasurer's role is to oversee financial good practice and take a particular interest in governance issues. You do not need to be an accountant or have huge amounts of time to spare but you do need to be confident reading financial spreadsheets and reviewing accounts. You also need to feel comfortable calling staff members to account in line with our expenditure procedure. You will need to attend Management Committee meetings around six times a year. At the moment these take place via Zoom during the working week, but there is some flexibility to respond to individual schedules.

The future of GM Freeze is uncertain. We lost our previously consistent core grant funding in 2018 and were planning to close the organisation this summer. However, when we launched an appeal to raise £4,000 to help us close well, we quickly received over £30,000 in donations and small grants. As a result, we are still fully operational but have not yet solved our long-term funding difficulties. It is possible that we will still close and the new treasurer will play an important role in helping us make the right decisions, then execute those decisions with integrity and respect for the wishes of our members and supporters.

The GM Freeze team currently lacks diversity. We believe that diversity brings strength and resilience to any organisation and we are conscious that we have not done enough to create an inclusive organisation so we are particularly keen to hear from people of colour, disabled people and men who would like to join us.

You can find out more about GM Freeze on our website [www.gmfreeze.org](http://www.gmfreeze.org)

Our Annual Report and Accounts for the year 2018/19 and our Articles of Association are included in information about last year's AGM at [www.gmfreeze.org/AGM](http://www.gmfreeze.org/AGM). Our accounts for 2019/20 are currently being prepared and draft accounts, our current budget and cashflow can be shared with serious candidates after an initial discussion.

GM Freeze is a not-for-profit company limited by guarantee. Management Committee members have the responsibilities of a company director so if you are [disqualified from being a company director](#) then, unfortunately you cannot become our new treasurer.

**If you would like to discuss the role of GM Freeze Treasurer informally, please contact Honor Eldridge, GM Freeze Chair on [honor.eldridge@plantlife.org.uk](mailto:honor.eldridge@plantlife.org.uk).**

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