Discover exciting volunteer opportunities with the TAG team

The Technical Advisory Group (TAG) is vital to the Society's ability to deliver services to our members in their quest to discover more about their family history.

Currently, TAG:
- maintains the network configuration and all associated devices at the Family History Research Centre.
- facilitates access to online commercial databases (eg Ancestry, Find my past).
- manages QFHS email accounts – aliases, redirections and accounts with associated storage.
- assesses and advises Management Committee re
    - various software options, eg. Cloud storage, discussion boards/forums,
    - possible future projects, eg. digitising the reference collection
    - privacy and digital security
- supports the work of the digitising and indexing teams by facilitating upload of data to QFHS datasets.
- manages in-house developed software: datasearch, membership/attendance system, the menu system for the array of QFHS research computers.

Additionally, TAG is currently invested in developing a replacement website utilising the WordPress platform. Major considerations in this project are
- a membership management system.
- an event registration capability and associated 'shop'.
- interface with the catalogue, vLibrary.
- interface with the Society's significant digital asset, QFHS datasets and the associated Datasearch program.

We would welcome new members to the TAG team and appreciate those with IT capabilities have backgrounds in specialised areas – hardware, software, apps, networks, data(base) development and maintenance, data analysis, website development and maintenance, project management and other niche areas.

Whatever your background and area of interest, we would be grateful for your contribution.

The TAG team volunteers are a mix of long-time members and newbies, and the work environment is collaborative with opportunities to take on specific projects and manage them with independence within the team. Members may volunteer in an ongoing capacity with network hardware maintenance or to take on a specific project, whether large or small, as best suits their availability.

Most members of the TAG team meet on Fridays at the Research Centre but off-site contributions are also embraced.

Interested? Got questions? We'd be delighted to receive an Expression of Interest from you so our Volunteer Coordinator can contact you for an initial chat.