

What do trustees do?

Trustees play a vital role in charities. By sitting on a board as a volunteer, they make sure it is well-run, meets legal guidelines, and looks after its assets.

Trustees also bring skills, experience and knowledge to the organisation's team as well as being an ambassador for the charity's cause.

Nicky: Festival Treasurer



"Our trustee meetings are very sociable, which as a new mum provides a bit of respite. It is so rewarding to see our creative ideas come to life at our Homegrown Food Festival and feel I'm making a difference in my community."

Andrew: Young Trustee



"I got involved with the railway for my Duke of Edinburgh Award, trained to be a guard and then became a trustee. It's given me so many life and career skills and helped me land my dream job."

Louise: Neighbourhood Forum Chair



"Being a chair is about using your local knowledge and contacts to bring people together who can make things happen. There's nothing like the buzz when a trustee team comes together and starts to have an impact."

Read more trustee stories at
<https://reachvolunteering.org.uk/news-and-views>

Find out more about being a trustee at
<https://reachvolunteering.org.uk/guide/become-trustee>

1 million trustees contribute the equivalent of £3.5 billion each year to UK charities



3 simple steps to making your match

Interested in using the Hands Up for Trustees free service to make a difference to you, your organisation and your community?

1. Register



I want to be a trustee -

Register yourself to access trustee roles



We want a trustee -

Register your organisation and your trustee role



Our employees want to be trustees -

Register your organisation to access trustee vacancies for your staff

2. Look online

- Browse charity trustee vacancies online to find the right role
- Use our trustee bank to find the person with the right skills for your charity

3. Talk to us

- To book a presentation or visit about the Hands Up for Trustees service
- For help with identifying the role you need and drafting your profile before you register
- To find out how to gain experience as a new trustee

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Our free service matches trustees with voluntary organisations across North Yorkshire, bringing people and skills together to grow local communities.



Being a trustee is rewarding and makes you happier



Our recruitment service can help your charity reach more trustees



Board-level volunteering develops employee's skills

Are you ready to take the first step to making a difference?

www.handsupfortrustees.org.uk

I want to be a trustee

“I am looking for a trustee role where I can use my skills to join like-minded people who are making a difference.”

Being a trustee enables you to use, refresh and develop your skills if you haven't worked for a while and keeps you active. You can take on a new challenge in an area that interests you and give something back.

Whether you're self-employed and want to widen your professional network or just looking to make new friends, being a trustee means being in a committed team. It feels great to be part of something positive.

I've got limited time

Charity activities and trustee roles vary. You may not need to attend every meeting, and there may be other support you can give in your own time. Be realistic about what you can commit and then look for a role that suits your lifestyle.

What skills can I offer?

Charities look for trustees with specialist knowledge to advise them – from gardening and bookkeeping, to legal, retail and marketing. But they also need general skills. If you are a good problem-solver and organiser, there will be a charity that needs you.

How can I find a local role?

See charity trustee vacancies across North Yorkshire:
www.handsupfortrustees.org.uk

Register with Reach below to find a trustee role

Looking for experience and not sure where to start? Get in touch.

We want a trustee

“Although our board work well together, we could do so much more with trustees with new skills to help us reach more people.”

Trustees with social media and technology skills, links with younger audiences, and successors for long-standing officers can energise boards by bringing in new contacts and a fresh approach.

How do we know who we need?

Carrying out an annual skills audit of your board will identify any gaps and assess how you might be affected if a trustee leaves or you face new challenges.

A diverse board with a range of skills, professional and personal experience will help your organisation to make well-rounded decisions.

See more: <https://reachvolunteering.org.uk/guide/how-complete-skills-audit>

How do we start?

Once you know what skills you are looking for, your charity can draft a role description listing the skills and experience you need and an overview of your organisation.

Next, agree your deadlines for recruiting and interviewing, and select your interview panel.

Where can we find the right person?

See more: <https://reachvolunteering.org.uk/guide/preparing-trustee-recruitment>

Register your charity with Reach to post your trustee roles

Talk to us if you welcome new trustees with more general skills.

Our employees want to be trustees

“We want to offer our team the opportunity to expand their leadership and teamworking skills and contribute to the community.”

Board level volunteering and trustee roles offer huge benefits to your staff team and your business.

- Team building with real results
- Motivation for your employees
- Refresh and broaden skills
- Practical leadership experience

How will it help my business?

Building trustee roles into your learning and development programmes can help your company meet its corporate social responsibility goals, make wider contacts and strengthen your profile in the local community and across North Yorkshire.

How will it help my employees?

As trustees, your employees can experience teamworking and leadership, problem-solving and decision making, influencing and negotiating, as well as extending their networks.

There's nothing more rewarding than using your skills to make a real difference to other people.

How can I provide opportunities?

Talk to the Hands Up for Trustees team to book a visit and presentation on the benefits of employee volunteering: www.handsupfortrustees.org.uk

Register your business with Reach to access charity trustee roles to share with your staff

Employees who are new to trustee volunteering but want to gain experience? Talk to us.

Make the perfect match and register today: <https://reachvolunteering.org.uk> or call us on 01904 704 177