



Trustee Information Pack

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Welcome

Thank you for your interest in joining the CRH Charitable Trust (the Charity) as a Trustee. I hope that the information in this pack will help you understand the work the Charity does and the work and responsibilities the Trustees have.

We are looking for two new Trustees to join the existing Board of Trustees. The right candidate must share the Board's passion for ensuring we help the most vulnerable in our society. Being a Trustee is a challenging but extremely rewarding role and one where you can make a real difference to people's lives.

The exact nature of the role is described within this pack. For an informal discussion about the position, please contact John Rylands via the Secretary at secretary@thecrhcharitabletrust.org.

If you would like to join the Board of Trustees then we would be delighted to receive your application.

The closing date for receipt of applications is midday on 8th November 2024.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE CHARITY

The Charity is a registered charity, number 213579. The Charity's governing document is Statutory Instrument 2006 No.921. This introduced a Parliamentary Scheme which came into force on 9th April 2006. Its formal charitable objects are:

(a) to relieve persons who are sick, convalescent, disabled, handicapped or infirm and in particular, but not exclusively, such persons who are suffering mental illness in any of its forms;

And

(b) to promote or assist in the promotion of research into the alleviation or cure of mental illness in any of its forms.

In practice, the Charity mainly provides grants to charitable organisations in the North West of England which are working directly with mental illness and mental disability issues and projects.

The Charity was originally formed in the 19th Century to own and run Cheadle Royal Hospital, a specialist mental health and psychiatric hospital in South Manchester. Following the sale of the hospital nearly 30 years ago, the Charity was reorganised with the proceeds of sale and development of retained land forming the Charity's endowment fund. This fund generates an income from which grants are made.

The Charity may not make grants out of its capital.

The Trustees plan to distribute each year income equal to circa 3% of the Charity's funds less expenses, with the aim of preserving the real value, after inflation, of the endowment fund. As investment returns will fluctuate, the Trustees maintain some reserves as a buffer allowing the long-term distribution policy to be maintained.

Under the Charity's governing document, it can have 6 Trustees one of whom is designated a Nominated Trustee appointed by the President of the Royal College of Psychiatrists.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Code of Governance Summary

Adopted from Nolan Committee's Seven Principles of Public Life

Selflessness
Integrity
Objectivity
Accountability
Openness
Honesty
Leadership

All Trustees should commit to the Nolan Principles in their role as a Trustee of the Charity.

All Trustees have a duty to declare any conflict of interest in any case of undertaking the Charity considers supporting.

CURRENT STRUCTURE

The Charity has no employees. The Trustees undertake all the decisions for the Charity including all the applications for assistance that are received throughout the year.

The Board of Trustees employs a Secretary and Administrator to manage the operating work of the Charity. This is Beyond Profit and its owner Emma Willder undertakes that work on behalf of the Charity. She is also the Charity's appointed Secretary.

Chair of Trustees: Peter Stafford
Treasurer: John Rylands

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APPLICATION PROCESS

Our application process is based on the role description and person specification, which are contained in this information pack. It is very important that you read these documents to decide how you meet the requirements we feel are needed, to enable someone to meet the role profile.

Please submit your CV and a supporting statement explaining why you think you meet our role descriptions and person specification as well as why you wish to become a Trustee of the Charity.

Please return completed applications via email: secretary@thecrhcharitabletrust.org

The closing date for applications is midday on 8th November 2024.

Interviews will take place on: Date to be determined

Interviews will be held as part of the recruitment process; these may be in person or via zoom.

References

We reserve the right to take up references. Any offer of appointment is subject to the receipt of satisfactory references.