



Role: Trustee

Where: Greenwich Foodbank

When: Monthly meetings of 1.5 hour between 4-6pm, time may be required on specific issues and occasional strategy review meetings in person. Most trustee meetings are held on Zoom, with occasional meetings in person in Greenwich.

Time commitment: Approximately 2 hours per month.

Overview of the role:

Our foodbank is a project founded by local churches and community groups, working together towards stopping hunger in our local area. We are seeking to recruit new trustees to bring extra skills and experience to a current board.

As a Trustee you will share collective responsibility for the governance of GFB and all decisions made by the board. The Trustees ensure the organisation is well run and works to fulfil its mission. They act in the best interests of the charity and its beneficiaries, ensure compliance with charity law and that the charity is open and accountable.

Responsibilities

All trustees are responsible for setting the strategic direction for GFB, ensuring alignment to our values, defining goals, setting organisational policies, agreeing financial plans, evaluating the charity's performance and ensuring good relationships amongst the trustees and with the senior staff.

Key tasks:

- Embrace the organisation's vision, mission and values.
- Ensure the charity complies with its governing document and charity law.
- Ensure focus on strategy, performance, risk and assurance rather than operational matters.
- Act with integrity, making objective decisions without undue influence by special or personal interests.
- Ensure openness and accountability, build public trust and confidence in GFB's work and legitimacy in representing beneficiaries and stakeholders.
- Uphold collective responsibility of the board.
- Commit sufficient time and energy to the role of trustee and make reasonable use of own skills and experience to support the work of the board and GFB.
- Ensure the principles of equity, equality, diversity and inclusion are embedded in GFB and help deliver public benefit.

Trustees may also undertake additional work for the charity between meetings subject to their availability and skill set.

About you:

We are looking for people who want to help their local community and work towards the eradication of food poverty whilst support the food bank to continue to provide emergency food to people who find themselves in crisis. Our ideal candidates would demonstrate:

- Passion for our vision and goals.
- Independent judgement and ability to think strategically.
- Able to work effectively as part of a trustee team, contributing and considering others views.
- Demonstrate the 7 principles of public life: selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness, honesty and leadership.
- Able to commit the time and effort required.
- Bring relevant capabilities that help the board perform its role effectively and achieve GFB's vision.
- Understanding and commitment to principles of equality, equity, diversity and inclusion.

The food bank would particularly welcome applications from those with experience in one (or more) of the following areas:

- Lived experience in Greenwich Borough
- IT
- Data Protection
- Finance

Impact of your role

By supporting the governance of the food bank, you are part of a team providing a vital holistic support function in your local community, ensuring a dignified experience to anyone visiting or anyone who comes into contact with Greenwich Foodbank.

Support

A full Trustee induction is in place to support the prospective candidate within their role, as well as access to local voluntary action Trustee training.

Please note:

- You must be 16 or over and must not be disqualified from acting as a trustee and declare any conflict of interest while carrying out the duties of a trustee.
- Trustees are appointed for a three-year term of office, which can be renewed for a further 3 years.
- This is an unpaid voluntary position, but reasonable travel expenses are reimbursed.