

Job Description & Person Specification – Independent Trustee

Salary: Voluntary

Hours: 3 - 4 Board meetings per year.

Reporting to: Board of Trustees

About the Students' Union

Edge Hill Students' Union works with students to make their University experience all they want it to be.

Whatever a students' needs, situation or background; we empower them through partnership.

We deliver events, empower societies, and support individuals with whatever they need to have a great experience whilst fulfilling their ambitions.

We bring creativity, innovation and freedom to the student community, and work with Edge Hill to bring about our shared goal of enabling every student to be the best version of themselves.

About the Role

Our Board of Trustees is made up of a mixture of Independent trustees, Student Trustees and Elected Officers.

Each Elected Officer represents a faculty at Edge Hill University and will work with students, staff and the wider SU team to improve student experience and outcomes for their respective cohorts. The Elected Officers sit on the Board of Trustees representing Students.

Main Responsibilities

Trustees have responsibility for:

- Directing the affairs of the Union.
- Ensuring that it is legal, solvent, well-run, and delivering its charitable objectives.
- Ensuring that the charity adheres to charity law and other relevant legislation.
- Always acting in the students' union best interests.
- The Trustees are also the Directors of the Students' Union which is a registered charity and company limited by guarantee. Some of our Trustees are also directors of our subsidiary companies.

This list is not exhaustive and other duties commensurate with the role.



Person Specification

Interests and experience		Essential	Desirable
1	A good understanding of the issues affecting all students	*	
2	An interest in the role of boards, committees trustees and effective governance in organisations	*	
Skills		Essential	Desirable
3	Sound judgement and ability to think strategically and make informed decisions	*	
4	Strong communication skills with the ability to relate to and communicate effectively with people at all levels and from all backgrounds	*	
5	The ability to challenge the status quo and a willingness to speak their mind.	*	
6	Impartiality and fairness	*	
Values and Behaviours		Essential	Desirable
7	A determined individual who is positive and resilient enough to balance being a trustee with other responsibilities e.g. studies.	*	
8	Confident to hold senior staff members to account	*	
9	Experience of coaching and willing to extend this to student trustees	*	

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