alec dickson trust

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The Alec Dickson Trust is a grant making charity looking to recruit one volunteer to join its Board. The Trust supports young people who, through volunteering or community service, aim to enhance the lives of others, particularly those most marginalised by society.

Salary: Unpaid

Job title: Trustee
Location: UK wide
Application deadline: 6pm, 30 Sept 2026

Contact email:
chair@alecdicksontrust.org.uk

Help Sustain Opportunities for Young People Across the UK

Are you passionate about helping small charities grow their impact? Do you have experience in fundraising, business development, grant-making, philanthropy, or donor engagement?

The Alec Dickson Trust is seeking a dedicated Fundraising Trustee to join our Board and lead the development of a sustainable fundraising strategy that will enable us to continue supporting young people to make a positive difference in their communities.

As a Fundraising Trustee, you will play a key role in helping secure the resources needed to expand our reach and strengthen our long-term sustainability. Alongside this, you will contribute to the overall governance and strategic direction of the Trust and support the assessment of applications from young people seeking funding from the Trust for community projects .

About the Alec Dickson Trust
The Alec Dickson Trust was established in 1994 to continue the legacy of Alec Dickson, co-founder of VSO and CSV, who believed passionately in the power of young people to create positive social change.

Today, the Trust awards grants of up to £500 to young people across the UK who are leading community projects and volunteering initiatives that improve the lives of others, particularly those facing disadvantage.

The Trust's mission remains rooted in empowering young people to take action and make a meaningful contribution to society.

The Role
The Fundraising Trustee will act as the Board's lead on fundraising matters and help shape a sustainable income-generation strategy for the organisation.

Key responsibilities include:

- Working with fellow trustees to develop and implement a fundraising strategy.
- Identifying and pursuing funding opportunities from trusts, foundations, corporate partners, and individual donors.
- Supporting the development of compelling funding applications and cases for support.
- Advising on donor stewardship, relationship management, and fundraising best practice.
- Helping the Trust diversify and grow its income streams.
- Monitoring fundraising performance and reporting progress to the Board.
- Acting as an ambassador for the Trust and helping to raise its profile within relevant networks.
- Contributing to the wider governance and strategic leadership of the organisation.
- Marking and scrutinising applications for funding from young people to the charity itself.

Who We're Looking For
We welcome applications from individuals from all backgrounds, including first-time trustees.

Essential

- A commitment to the mission of supporting young people and communities across the UK.
- Strategic thinking and a willingness to contribute actively to Board discussions and decision-making.
- An understanding of fundraising principles and income generation.
- Strong communication and relationship-building skills.
- A collaborative approach and willingness to support a volunteer-led organisation.

Desirable

- Experience of securing grants from trusts and foundations.
- Experience in major donor, corporate, community, or digital fundraising.
- Knowledge of charity fundraising regulations and best practice.
- Experience developing fundraising strategies or income growth plans.
- Existing networks that could support fundraising opportunities.

Why Join Us?

- This is an opportunity to make a tangible difference to young people across the UK while gaining valuable board-level leadership experience.
- You will help ensure that more young people can access funding to turn their ideas into action and create positive change in their communities.
- We are particularly keen to hear from applicants who can bring fresh perspectives, diverse lived experiences, and new ideas for growing the Trust's impact.

Commitment

- Trustees attend approximately eight board meetings per year, typically held via Google meet.
- They are also expected to contribute two hours per week to support the Trust's work.
- Trustees are expected to make a minimum commitment of 2 years in post.

How to apply

To apply, please send your CV and a cover letter (500 words max) on: "why you would like to be a Trustee of the Alec Dickson Trust and what you would bring to the Board" outlining how you meet the criteria listed above to chair@alecdicksontrust.org.uk by 6pm on 30th September 2026. Please include in the subject line of the email "Trustee Recruitment *followed by your name*" If you have any questions before applying, please feel free to reach out to the above email address. Existing trustees will be happy to have an informal chat or answer any questions.

Alternatively, if you are interested in supporting the Trust's fundraising but do not wish to take on the responsibilities of a Trustee role, we would be happy to explore this option with you. Please get in touch with us using the email address above and the subject line "Volunteer Recruitment *followed by your name*".

When you should expect to hear from us

We would be delighted to hear from you and will aim to get back to you within 3 weeks of the closing date to let you know if we would like to progress your application.

Interviews

Interviews will be held virtually in the weeks commencing **14th October 2026** in the evenings. They will be around 30 minutes long and will be a chance for you to meet members of the Board of Trustees and talk to us about your interest in this role in more detail.

For more information, please take a look at our website http://www.alecdicksontrust.org.uk/