



ellen
macarthur
cancer trust



RECRUITING:

Trustee

(with legal background and experience)

inspiring young people to believe in a **brighter future**

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THE ROLE

Do you have a legal background and could use your skills to help inspire young people to believe in a brighter future living through and beyond cancer? The Ellen MacArthur Cancer Trust is recruiting for a Legal Trustee and wants to hear what you could offer.

You will support our Board of Trustees, Youth Advisory Group, Chief Executive Officer and Leadership Team in achieving our strategic Ambitions. You would join our 10-strong Board of Trustees, responsible for keeping the charity on track to make sure the best outcomes for young people are always delivered.

The full Board meets four times a year with five committees (Finance and Investment, Governance, Fundraising, HR and Personnel and Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging) overseeing and ensuring the ongoing impartial governance of the Ellen MacArthur Cancer Trust. Meetings are usually held in London or Southampton (travel expenses can be reimbursed) and the option to join digitally is always available. Some support outside of meetings is required, and we ask Trustees to commit to approximately 1/2 a day per month. The role is unpaid.

This is a fantastic opportunity to help steer the Ellen MacArthur Cancer Trust towards our aim to be even more accessible and inclusive to all young people who have a cancer diagnosis in the UK and to ensure every young person experiences belonging and improved mental wellbeing with us.

THE DETAILS:

Location Our Trustees are based around the country with meetings taking place in central locations, however an option to join digitally is always available.

Duration Our Trustees serve a three-year term, with option to stand for re-election if they wish.

Contract Type Volunteer

Application closing Date Tuesday 2nd April 2024

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

We value equality, diversity, and inclusion, oppose prejudice, and are committed to being an anti-racist organisation. We strive to be more representative of all young people who have had a cancer diagnosis in the UK and believe diversity amongst the Trust team is key to delivering inclusive experiences for all.

If you share these values and think you are well suited to this role, but for whatever reason, feel underrepresented by anything in this advert, on our website or in any Trust marketing, we strongly encourage you to apply to help us be better.



Hello, we are the Ellen MacArthur Cancer Trust

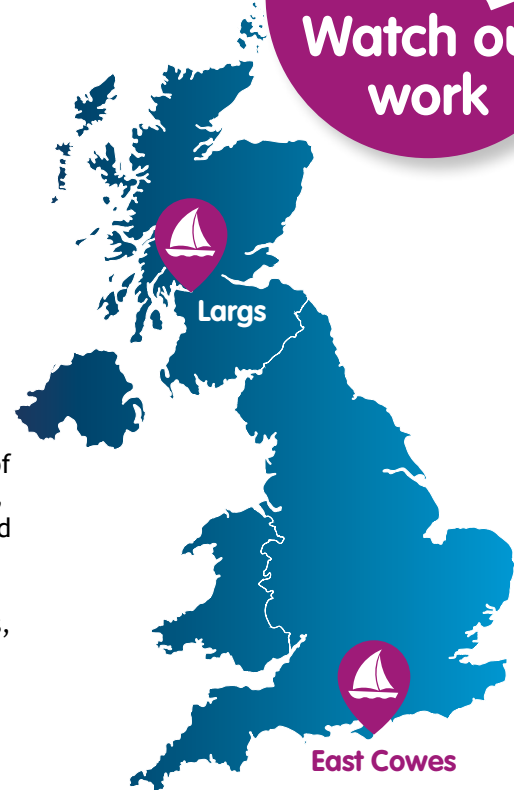
The Ellen MacArthur Cancer Trust takes young people aged 8-24 sailing and on outdoor adventures, to inspire them to **believe in a brighter future** living through and beyond cancer.

Cancer can have a big impact on a young person's mental wellbeing. For many young people, simply picking up where they left off before their diagnosis isn't possible. That is why **when treatment ends, our work begins.**

We have two bases - in Largs on Scotland's West Coast and East Cowes on the Isle of Wight.

We are a close-knit, friendly organisation, with a wide network of committed and passionate volunteers, seasonal staff, supporters, fundraisers, and donors. You will be a key part of, and play a lead role in, nurturing our community.

We work closely with the leading young people's cancer charities, particularly through our partnership with [Teenage Cancer Trust](#) and [Young Lives vs Cancer](#), and our NHS hospital partners, so every young person who needs support after treatment can get, and stay involved, with us for as long as they need.



Because of the Trust, young people feel...



Accepted

They meet and make friends with others who have had similar experiences – often for the first time – and stop feeling like ‘the only one’.



Independent

They have fun and rediscover independence away from home and their ‘cancer bubble’. They realise what they are capable of again, physically, mentally, and socially.



Optimistic

Their sense of purpose and self-worth increases and they start to re-establish their place in the world by getting back into education or work and reconnecting with family and friends.

which leads to...



**Improved
mental
wellbeing**



**Belief in
a brighter
future**



Who we're looking for

COULD THIS BE YOU?

You will have a suitable legal qualification, ideally with skills and experience in, or knowledge of, legal requirements relating to company/charitable law and associated governance, and be committed to applying these to help the Ellen MacArthur Cancer Trust achieve its aims.

You will be passionate about making a difference to the lives of young people who are living through and beyond cancer and comfortable making decisions that determine the course the charity takes. An interest in or experience of sailing is not necessary.

In addition, you will have...

- responsibility to represent and present the Ellen MacArthur Cancer Trust in a positive way at all times
- an understanding and acceptance of the legal duties, responsibilities and liabilities of Trusteeship
- the ability to work cooperatively as a member of a remote team
- sound, independent judgement
- strategic vision
- integrity

WHO WE'RE LOOKING FOR

ATTRIBUTES		ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
Value & Qualities	Passionate, empathetic, and enthusiastic about working for the Ellen MacArthur Cancer Trust.	✓	
	Commitment to Equality, Diversity and Inclusive values and practice.	✓	
	Flexible, adaptable approach & positive team influence.	✓	
Skills	Should be a solicitor or barrister qualified in England and Wales, or otherwise have a background or significant experience in legal practice in England and Wales.	✓	
	Excellent communication, interpersonal and relationship-building skills.	✓	
Experience	Background in/knowledge of cancer.		✓
	Working with young people.		✓





Other useful information

SAFEGUARDING

The safety and wellbeing of young people is our top priority. Up-to-date disclosure is a must. In England and Wales this means a [DBS check](#) and in Scotland and NI this is a [PVG Scheme Certificate](#). All volunteers must complete a **Level 2 Child Protection course** (or provide evidence of having completed one). Every year all team members must read and sign our Safeguarding agreement. You can find our [Safeguarding Policy](#) here.

REFERENCES

In addition to a DBS/PVG check, all offers to volunteer are made subject to two satisfactory references.

DATA PRIVACY

We want to be clear about how we use your personal information and data. We want to treat you fairly, lawfully and in an open way. Find out about how we use and store your personal data here - [Privacy Notice](#).

Meet
the team



Apply Now!

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SHORTLISTING AND INTERVIEWS

If you are shortlisted, we will contact you and invite you to an interview, and where appropriate, send interview questions in advance.

We will also let you know if there will be any skills tasks to complete as part of the recruitment process.

Interviews will take place via Zoom during the week commencing 8th April (evenings).

HOW TO APPLY

Please email recruitment@emcancertrust.org, submitting an updated CV, and a covering letter of no more than two pages.

Applications will not be considered without both these documents.

In your covering letter, please include:

- What excites you about being involved with the Ellen MacArthur Cancer Trust and this role?
- What experience do you have to carry out the duties listed in this pack?
- What would you do in this role that would really make an impact?
- Where did you first hear about this opportunity?

Please email any questions about the role to:
recruitment@emcancertrust.org



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