

Fundraising Trustee

About Pecan

Pecan tackles poverty in Southwark by restoring dignity, belonging and hope through connected community services that address food insecurity, unemployment and isolation. From food banks and employment support to welcoming community spaces, we combine practical help with emotional and community care, helping people regain confidence, feel hopeful and believe in their potential.

Founded in 1989 when six local churches came together to take practical action against unemployment and hardship, Pecan has grown alongside the communities of Southwark. While the challenges facing local people have evolved, our mission remains the same: to restore futures and work towards ending poverty in all its forms. We continue to adapt our services to meet the changing needs of our community.

As an inclusive Christian charity, our work is guided by three core values:

- **Kindness** – embracing diversity and treating every person with care, openness and understanding.
- **Belief** – walking alongside people through every challenge, recognising their potential and inherent worth.
- **Hope** – inspiring confidence in what is possible and helping people build brighter futures.

Today, Pecan is a trusted community partner, bringing together people, organisations and opportunities to strengthen local support networks and create a more connected, hopeful Southwark.

About The Role

We're looking for a Fundraising Trustee to join our Board and provide strategic fundraising expertise. This role combines governance responsibilities with practical support, helping us strengthen existing income streams, develop new opportunities and build relationships across Peckham and Southwark.

Working closely with the Chief Executive and fundraising team, you will help shape our fundraising strategy while acting as a passionate ambassador for Pecan in the local community.

This is an opportunity to make a lasting difference in the lives of people across Southwark while helping shape the future of a respected local charity.

As a Fundraising Trustee, you will:

- Use your fundraising expertise to strengthen a values-led Christian charity.
- Help shape Pecan's long-term fundraising strategy and sustainability.
- Join a supportive, passionate Board committed to justice, dignity and hope.
- Build valuable experience in charity governance and strategic leadership.
- Play a key role in helping more people overcome poverty and build brighter futures.

Responsibilities

Governance and Strategic Leadership

- Fulfil the responsibilities of a charity trustee, ensuring effective governance and accountability.
- Attend and contribute to Board meetings and strategic discussions.
- Act as the fundraising link between the Board and the fundraising team.
- Support and provide strategic advice to the Chief Executive on the development and oversight of Pecan's fundraising strategy.

Fundraising

- Provide strategic advice across key income streams, including trusts and foundations, statutory contracts, individual giving and corporate partnerships.
- Share fundraising expertise and help identify new opportunities for sustainable income.
- Provide strategic oversight and advice to support effective donor stewardship and supporter engagement.

Community Engagement

- Attend and support fundraising events, community activities and supporter engagement opportunities.
- Act as an enthusiastic ambassador for Pecan, promoting our mission and values within the local community.
- Represent Pecan at local networking opportunities where possible (desirable).
- Use your networks to help develop relationships with churches, businesses, schools and community organisations (desirable).

Person Specification

Essential

- A practising Christian who is committed to Pecan's mission and values.
- Experience of charity fundraising, such as community fundraising, events, church engagement, corporate partnerships or individual giving.
- Strong relationship-building and networking skills.
- Willingness to act as a local ambassador for Pecan.
- Able to attend Board meetings held in the evenings.

Desirable

- Knowledge of, or strong connections within, Peckham and/or Southwark.
- Ability to commit to 4–8 hours per month, with some months requiring more time to attend meetings, fundraising events or networking opportunities. We recognise that trustees have varying availability, and additional involvement beyond core governance responsibilities is flexible
- Experience working with churches.
- Experience engaging local businesses, schools or community organisations.
- Understanding of charity governance and trustee responsibilities.
- Existing networks within Peckham and Southwark.

Time Commitment

The expected commitment is flexible and averages a few hours each month, including:

- 4–6 Board meetings per year (evenings, usually held virtually).
- Ad hoc Fundraising Committee meetings (typically during the daytime).
- Occasional fundraising and networking events, including some evenings and weekends.
- Additional support and networking where your availability allows.