

Volunteer Role Description

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Board Member – Methodist Homes (MHA)

ROLE PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

MHA has a proud 80-year heritage, built on the vision of MHA's Methodist founder, Rev Walter Hall. Today MHA is one of the UK's largest charity providers of care and support for those in later life, focused on nurturing mind, body and spirit through our care homes, retirement living settings and community schemes. We have one of the highest overall quality ratings in the sector and a range of specialist services, supported by charitable giving, which truly enhance the daily experience of our residents and members. Through MHA's lobbying and influencing activity, focused through 'Fix Care for All' campaign, MHA is seeking to secure a just and lasting settlement for the care sector, often promised and long overdue.

MHA has been through significant change over the years and this continues to be the case as the organisation evolves to meet the needs of older people. Growth, which has been delivered over many years, continues and an appropriate governance regime has been established to help ensure that as a charity, MHA do the very best it can for the many beneficiaries it serves. All Board members serve in a voluntary capacity and are required to demonstrate MHA's values as part of their service to the organisation. Applicants must be eligible to be trustees of a charity registered in England and Wales. Expenses are paid and MHA maintains Directors' and Officers' insurance for its activities.

As a member of the board you will have overall responsibility for the effective, efficient functioning of MHA.

ROLE RESPONSIBILITIES

- On behalf of the Methodist Church to promote positive and supportive relationships between the Methodist Church and MHA and with other organisations with whom MHA work.
- To be able to manage and resolve potential decisions that might compromise the Methodist Church and/or MHA or bring both into disrepute.
- To support of MHA's Mission and Values, regularly attend Board meetings, sub-committee meetings and away days and if unable to attend then to provide comments on the papers to the Chair and/or questions to the Executive Team to provide answers.
- To contribute to setting the strategic direction and policies of the organisation. Monitoring performance in meeting plans and key objectives.
- To serve on one or more working groups or sub-committees, as desired/invited.
- To ensure that management work effectively within a framework of clearly stated organisational strategies and policies.
- To ensure risk management is effective and appropriate.
- To ensure financial stewardship and regulatory compliance.
- To undertake visits to Homes/Schemes each year to further your knowledge and understanding of the work MHA does and to hear first-hand from those MHA support.
- To be fully committed to the implementation of MHA's Equal Opportunities Policy.

Person Specification

	Essential	Desirable	Assessment Method
Experience			
Previous time served as a Trustee or Committee member in any setting (in or out of the Church)		X	
Have a good understanding of the variety of contexts that exist within the Methodist Church.	X		
Abilities, Knowledge and Skills			
Good knowledge of the organisational arrangements in the Methodist Church.	X		
Ability to quickly absorb a wide range of detailed issues.	X		
Ability to communicate effectively	X		
Ability to work as a part of team	X		
Ability to think strategically		X	
Personal Qualities			
Member in good standing of the Methodist Church in Britain	X		
Ability to connect vision, aims and strategy through theological reflection		X	
Passion for ending isolation and loneliness for older people	X		
Personal understanding of the impact that faith-based heritage can have on the operational issues.	X		
Willing to engage in ongoing evaluation (including peer and self) of performance as a Trustee.	X		