

Join Us in the Fight Against Food Poverty!

When: One Board meetings per month in-person plus ad hoc contact and assignments with the Chair/Trustees between meetings and leadership of volunteers during allocated open days.

Time commitment: Approximately 16 hours per month

Towcester Foodbank Trustee Needed

Are you passionate about tackling poverty and supporting those in need? Towcester Foodbank is seeking a dedicated individual to join our team of trustees. This is a unique opportunity to make a significant impact in your community.

About Us:

Towcester Foodbank, established in 2012 by Churches Together in Towcester, is a registered charity which is part of the Trussell Trust network. In the past 12 months, this network:

- Provided vital support to 655,000 people who used a foodbank for the first time
- Delivered over 3.1 million emergency food parcels, 1.1 millions of these parcels were distributed to children
- Successfully partnered with local agencies to offer comprehensive support beyond food aid, such as financial advice and signposting to essential services.

The Role:

The foodbank is managed by a team of 8 trustees, all of whom are local to the NN12 postcode area. They bring a mix of skills and experiences to the board and meet on a monthly basis. We are looking for one trustee to join our board and specifically need someone with strong planning and organising experience and skills. We also welcome experience and skills in other areas such as fundraising and marketing.

Trustee Responsibilities:

- **Governance:** Ensure compliance with the charity's governing documents and legislation.
- **Strategic Planning:** Contribute to the development and implementation of strategic plans.
- **Financial Oversight:** Manage resources responsibly, ensuring assets are used effectively to support our mission.
- **Volunteer Management:** Perform various management tasks to support the overall management of the volunteers. Identify and support opportunities for volunteer onboarding, development and training. Implement strategies to motivate volunteers and ensure their ongoing satisfaction and retention

- **Communication:** Serve as the primary point of contact for volunteers, providing timely and effective communication.
- **Problem-Solving:** Address and resolve scheduling conflicts and other related queries that arise with volunteer shifts.
- **Leadership:** Attend at least one session per month to stay connected with our volunteers and beneficiaries, and provide leadership.

Training and Support:

- **Induction Sessions:** Comprehensive introduction to our operations and mission.
- **Ongoing Mentorship:** Guidance from experienced trustees to help you settle into your role.
- **Access to Resources:** Utilise Trussell Trust's extensive resources for continuous development.

Diversity and Inclusion:

We value diversity and encourage applications from individuals of all backgrounds and experiences. Your unique perspective and ideas will help us make more informed decisions and better serve our community.

Why Join Us?

- **Make a Difference:** Directly impact the lives of those in need.
- **Community Engagement:** Work with a dedicated team of local volunteers.
- **Skill Development:** Apply and develop your professional skills in a meaningful context.

Impact of your role

By supporting the governance of the food bank, you are part of a team providing a vital holistic support function in your local community, ensuring a dignified experience to anyone visiting or anyone who comes into contact with Towcester Foodbank.

Thank You:

We appreciate your interest in contributing to our mission. Together, we can end food poverty in NN12. Join us today!

Please note:

- You must not be disqualified from acting as a trustee and declare any conflict of interest while carrying out the duties of a trustee.
- This is a voluntary position, but reasonable pre-approved expenses are reimbursed.