



Treasurer Trustee

Organisation

FareShare Yorkshire – the largest and longest-running food redistribution charity in Yorkshire.

Registered Charity: 1075477

Role Type

Unpaid, voluntary (expenses reimbursed)

Commitment and Focus

As Treasurer Trustee, you will support the Board's oversight of FareShare Yorkshire's financial governance. Working in close partnership with the Head of Finance & Business, you will help ensure the charity's finances are well-managed, transparent, and aligned with its strategic objectives.

The Treasurer acts as a critical friend and source of support to the Head of Finance & Business, providing constructive challenge, guidance, and assurance to the Board. You will attend quarterly board meetings (held in Yorkshire) and chair the quarterly Finance Sub-Committee, helping to ensure effective financial governance and clear reporting to the full Board.

About FareShare Yorkshire

FareShare Yorkshire is a charity in its 27th year of operation and has experienced significant growth in recent years. Operating from three sites in Barnsley and Leeds, the organisation delivers surplus food provision services, employability programmes, and runs its own cookery school, The FullCrumb Kitchen. We redistribute enough food for over 100,000 meals every week by taking good surplus food from companies and getting it to where it is needed most.

Key Treasurer Responsibilities

1. Present clear, accurate, and timely financial reports to the Board in a format that supports understanding and effective decision-making, including:
 - Annual budgets
 - Internal management accounts
 - Annual statutory financial statements

2. Ensure the Board meets its duty to maintain proper accounting records and that financial resources are:
 - Properly controlled
 - Prudently invested
 - Economically and effectively spent in line with good governance, legal and regulatory requirements, in liaison with the Head of Finance & Business.

3. Support the development, implementation, and regular review of:
 - Financial reserves policy
 - Cost management approaches
 - Investment policies

4. Advise and support the Board in carrying out its financial responsibilities, providing insight into financial risks, opportunities, and sustainability.

5. Chair the Finance Sub-Committee, setting agendas in partnership with the Head of Finance & Business and ensuring effective financial scrutiny.

6. Provide clear updates and recommendations to the full Board following each Finance Sub-Committee meeting.

7. Scrutinise financial information provided by the Head of Finance & Business and request additional information or clarification where necessary.

8. Support and challenge budget proposals and forecasts presented to the Board.
9. Monitor and advise on the financial viability of the charity, including cash flow, reserves, and long-term sustainability.
10. Ensure appropriate financial controls are implemented, adhered to, and regularly reviewed.
11. Advise the Board on the financial implications of the charity's strategic plan and major decisions.
12. Support the Head of Finance and Business to:
 - Prepare information for the annual accounts
 - Manage the annual audit process, including liaison with auditors where appropriate.

The Trustee Role:

Ensure the charity fulfils its purposes for public benefit by:

1. Complying with its governing document.
2. Adhering to charity law and all other applicable legislation.
3. Acting always in the best interests of the charity.
4. Ensuring the responsible management of the charity's resources.
5. Overseeing and ensuring compliance with statutory accounting and financial reporting requirements.
6. Declaring any conflicts of interest and exercising independent judgement in all decision-making.
7. Acting as an ambassador and advocate for the organisation and upholding its mission, values, and reputation.
8. Representing the Board and organisation at meetings and events, including acting as a spokesperson when required.

9. Safeguarding the wellbeing and interests of employees.
10. Contributing to the development of the organisation's strategy by providing constructive challenge and insight.
11. Seeking appropriate professional advice where there is potential risk to the organisation or where trustee duties may be impacted.
12. Taking collective responsibility to ensure the legal and financial integrity of the organisation, including to safeguard its assets and long-term sustainability.
13. Ensuring appropriate procedures are in place for the appointment, support, and performance monitoring of the CEO and Senior Leadership Team (SLT).
14. Attending and actively contributing to Board meetings on a regular basis.

Skills and Experience

We are particularly seeking a Trustee with:

- Senior-level experience in finance, accountancy, audit, or financial management.
- Strong understanding of financial governance, risk management, and internal controls.
- Experience of:
 - Budgeting and financial forecasting
 - Reviewing management accounts and statutory accounts
 - Financial oversight within a charity, public sector, or commercial environment (charity experience desirable but not essential)
- Confidence in presenting financial information clearly to non-financial audiences.
- Strong Excel skills and confidence working with financial data (advantageous).
- The ability to provide supportive challenge and constructive scrutiny.
- The credibility to lead financial discussions at board level while working collaboratively with staff and fellow Trustees.



Ideal candidates will have:

- A commitment to FareShare Yorkshire's mission and values.
- Strategic thinking and the ability to contribute to high-level decision-making.
- The ability to work collaboratively and communicate effectively.
- Time to dedicate to the role, including preparation for and attendance at meetings.

What We Offer

While this is an unpaid voluntary position, we provide:

- Reimbursement of reasonable expenses incurred in your role.
- The opportunity to make a meaningful impact on food insecurity in Yorkshire.
- A chance to work alongside a passionate team dedicated to tackling food poverty.

How to Apply

To express your interest, please send a **cover letter** and **CV** detailing your relevant experience and why you wish to become a Trustee at FareShare Yorkshire to rachelmorgan-ramsdn@fareshareyorkshire.org.

Diversity and Inclusion

FareShare Yorkshire is committed to building a diverse and inclusive board. We encourage applications from individuals of all backgrounds, particularly those who bring new perspectives and lived experience to the table.