

Trustees Role – Growing Hope Maidstone

About Growing Hope

Growing Hope champions accessibility and provides free therapy for children with additional needs and their families in partnership with local churches across the UK. We aim to bring hope to children through providing free therapy. We grow hope for families where hope has been lost due to isolation and rejection. We share hope in Jesus, because he brings hope even in the most difficult situations.

Growing Hope was founded by Dr Naomi Fox (Founder/CEO) who started the national charity and the first local clinic in Kings Cross in February 2018. Knowing how desperate families are for support, Growing Hope bridges the gap between the need and availability of therapy services. Growing Hope national charity provide support, structures, services and training to local Growing Hope clinics and have a vision to set up twenty clinics in partnership with local churches by 2030.

Context

Growing Hope Maidstone is set up in partnership with St. Luke's Maidstone. The clinics provide free therapy services for children and young people with additional needs and their families living in the local area. The aim is to provide a holistic service which supports parents, carers and siblings - as well as the children and young people themselves. Growing Hope Maidstone currently offers Art Therapy and Speech and Language Therapy.

"Thank you for listening to us and helping us! The work Growing Hope do is amazing. I have told other families about Growing Hope as so many would benefit." Growing Hope Clinic Parent



Role Summary

We are looking for a new Finance trustee. The trustees board is responsible for the governance of the local charity and supports the clinic in delivering its charitable objectives. The Finance trustee will support the Clinic Manager in delivering the Charity's mission and vision, ensuring our culture of collaboration, curiosity and innovation continues. Trustees may act as a spokesperson and ambassador for the clinic where appropriate.

The Finance trustee will be responsible for advising on the budget and ensuring that payments are made as expected.

They will be expected to liaise with the Finance Officer who runs the day-to-day processes for Growing Hope. They will be required to give a quarterly update to the trustees as to the financial position of the charity (supported by reports provided by the Finance Officer). The role will also involve either running gift aid claims or sourcing a volunteer to do this.

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Charitable Objectives

1. The advancement of health and wellbeing for the public benefit by the provision of a therapy clinic run in accordance with Christian principles for children and young people (0-18) with additional needs and their families living in the local area. In particular, but not exclusively, by:

a. Registered health care professionals providing assessment, advice and intervention and other services as the trustees of the charity from time to time think fit.

b. Provision of sibling, parent and carer support groups and courses and other services as the trustees of the charity from time to time think fit.

2. The advancement of the Christian faith for the public benefit through:

a. the opportunity to engage in conversation about faith and spiritual wellbeing;

b. providing support that enables children and young people with additional needs, and their families to access prayer and worship services;

c. providing pastoral care and the opportunity for prayer and other such activities as the trustees may from time to time think fit that enlighten others about the Christian faith.

Trustee Role Requirements

- Committed Christian
- Attending Trustee meetings on a quarterly basis (once every three months)
- Ability to work collaboratively and strategically
- Experience of charity governance or a willingness to learn
- Expertise in the area of finance and budgeting
- Commitment to champion the local Growing Hope clinic, offering ongoing support of the Clinic Manager by attending fundraising events and being an ambassador for the charity where appropriate
- The role *could* also include helping to gather additional support through volunteers, offering additional time to help with grant writing, event organising and similar roles where appropriate



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