

# Help us to help local people in need

We are looking for several new volunteers to become **Trustees** to help us grow and develop our charity.

You don't need to have been a Trustee already, be older, or have management experience. We are looking for people who can offer their time and are keen to help improve the service that we provide to local people in need.

We are keen to make our board more representative of the people we serve. We therefore particularly welcome applications from young people, people with disabilities, women, people of colour and anyone with an understanding of the challenges faced by marginalised communities.

### What we do

Citizens Advice Runnymede & Spelthorne (CARS) provides valuable advice to over 6,000 people a year, helping them with issues such as housing, debt, benefits, employment and family. CARS is a local charity at the heart of our community. We are a team of around 50 employees and volunteers funded solely by grants and donations, and we are a member of the national Citizens Advice.

You can watch these videos to get a view of what Citizens Advice does:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FdhjdpMV4c0

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ny4fLAePvTQ

## What a Trustee does

As a Trustee you will make sure that the charity is well run and help develop new ways to improve the charity's services.



### Who we are looking for

Above all we are looking for volunteers who are keen to help and have time to commit.

### It may also help if...

You have had experience of or know someone who has used our services or those of a similar organisation and have an insight into the needs of marginalised groups and those who need help and advice.

We are also looking to bolster our fund-raising efforts and would like to hear from you if you have any knowledge or ideas in this area. This could be helping by using your contacts, preparing funding bids or raising donations from private or corporate donors.



#### As a new Trustee you will benefit from:

- Induction, training, and we will cover of out-of-pocket expenses (e.g. travel or child-care)
- Mentoring from an experienced trustee
- Opportunities to influence change and to make a difference
- Learning new skills and developing your personal networks

There are 5 Board meetings per year held in Addlestone, Surrey. They currently take place on a Monday, from 5.30 to 8.00 p.m. which can be attended in person or joined online. As a small charity, Trustees will have the opportunity to be involved in supporting the charity beyond Board meetings.

## Where to get more information and how to apply:

To learn more or for an informal chat, please contact <u>volunteer@randscab.org.uk</u> or call Courtney on 01932 827187. This conversation is purely to enable you to ask questions and find out more – it is not part of the selection process.

If you would like to apply, we welcome letters or short videos explaining why you are interested and how you feel you can help. If you'd prefer, we can send you an application form. Email <u>volunteer@randscab.org.uk</u> to request an application form.