



MISCARRIAGE
ASSOCIATION

Trustee Recruitment Pack

Join our Board of Trustees in 2024



A welcome from our Chair of Trustees

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Trustee of the Miscarriage Association.

Miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy and molar pregnancy can all be very unhappy, frightening and lonely experiences. For many if not most of those affected, these experiences represent the loss of a baby and their associated hopes, plans and dreams.

The Miscarriage Association acknowledges the distress associated with pregnancy loss and strives to make a positive difference to those it affects.

I became Chair in 2021 and am one of nine trustees who are responsible for the M.A.'s strategic direction and governance and who are all deeply committed to helping the M.A. achieve its aims. Our role as Trustees is to ensure the charity is well-run, to focus on strategic issues and to act as a critical friend to the wonderful staff team who work so hard to achieve the M.A.'s vision. We are a Board of diverse skills and experiences and everyone's input is valued.

You'll be joining us at a very exciting time for the M.A. The board of Trustees has recently committed to significantly growing the charity to reach and support even more people at this often deeply upsetting time. And from April, we'll also have a new Chief Executive who will be heading up an ambitious new strategy which aims to make the M.A. the go-to place for pregnancy loss support, information, and advocacy.

We are looking to appoint three new trustees in 2024 and are particularly looking for those with experience of the charity sector (strategy, governance and/or income generation) and campaigns/advocacy. We are also looking for a trustee with clinical healthcare expertise in working with those experiencing pregnancy loss.

However, we'd love to hear from anyone who feels passionately about the cause and believes their skills and expertise will bring benefit to the board and the M.A. Whether you have previous experience or are considering it for the first time, being a trustee is a really rewarding way to volunteer your time. You will be helping to set the future direction of the M.A. and using your time and skills to support others as part of a committed and collegiate Board.



Amy Braier



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The knowledge to help

About us

We are a national charity which provides support and information to anyone affected by pregnancy loss.

We run a staffed helpline, live chat and email service and online and in-person peer support groups.

We promote best care, working with the NHS and other health professionals, contribute to research and development and work to raise general awareness of the impact of pregnancy loss.

We offer training and consultancy services in both the healthcare and workplace settings.

Why we exist

- 1.** Between **one in four** and **one in five** pregnancies is estimated to end in miscarriage
- 2.** A further **1 in 80** is ectopic - a potentially life-threatening condition
- 3.** And **1 in 600** is a molar pregnancy, requiring specialist care and follow up

Our vision

Everyone affected by pregnancy loss gets the care, support and information that's right for them.

Our values

Empathy

We listen, we care and we understand.

Advocacy

We believe that pregnancy loss matters. We give a voice to people experiencing miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy or molar pregnancy and use our influence to make sure they are heard.

Trust

We put people experiencing pregnancy loss at the heart of everything we do and offer support without judgement. We can be relied upon to provide information that is dependable and evidence-based.

Our impact

April 2022 - April 2023



We reached over
2 million
people on social media



33,435
people are now members
of our online peer support
platforms



We held **75**
Zoom groups for
those affected by
pregnancy loss

Our impact

April 2022 - April 2023



We recieved **8,131**
direct contacts from
people seeking support



238,103

leaflets distributed to EPU's,
gynae, clinics, hospitals, GP
practices, private scan
clinics and employers.



1,468,944
people visited our website
for support, information
and resources

Our impact

As of December 2023

273

organisations signed
up to our Pregnancy
Loss Pledge,



meaning that in the UK,

751,714

employees are covered.

The role of a trustee:

Responsibilities

- Attend Board and Committee meetings
- Act in the best interests of the charity and declare all potential conflicts of interest, including seeking approval if invited to serve on another board of Trustees
- Contribute to, and understand, the strategic direction of M.A., its values, strategy, risk management and financing structure
- Keep progress on the implementation of the agreed strategies, plans and budgets under review, holding senior management personnel to account
- Take part in governance review exercises and attend training sessions if, when, or as appropriate

The role of a trustee:

Qualities

- An understanding of the diverse impact of pregnancy loss and a commitment to the M.A's values and vision
- Strategic vision and ability to think creatively
- Good, independent judgement and a willingness to speak your mind
- Willingness and ability to devote the necessary time and effort
- Understanding of the legal duties, responsibilities, and liabilities of Trusteeship
- Ability to work effectively as a member of a team and respect the views of others
- Willingness to be available to staff for advice and enquiries on an ad hoc basis

The role of a trustee:

Terms of Service

- Trustees are appointed for a 3 year term of office, renewal for 2 further terms to a maximum of 9 years
- This is a voluntary position, but reasonable expenses will be reimbursed



Who we're looking for

Experience and skills

At this time, we are particularly looking for new trustees with experience of the charity sector, especially in:

- Governance
- Strategy
- Income generation
- Campaigning
- Advocacy

We are also keen to recruit a trustee with clinical healthcare experience - this could be in primary or secondary care.

However, we would be very happy to hear from anyone with a passion for the cause and who feels they could add value to the board and the charity.

Time commitment

- Attending quarterly board meetings, currently held in person on Saturdays in central London from 11am - 4pm. Accommodation can be made for occasional remote attendance
- Attending additional online meetings as required, e.g. annual accounts review and sub-committees
- Occasional one-off online meetings or emails

How to apply:

Please complete the application form and send it along with your CV to Vicki Robinson via vicki@miscarriageassociation.org.uk

Similarly, if you would like more information about the role or an informal chat, you can also contact Amy Braier via chair@miscarriageassociation.org.uk

We aim to have the new Trustees in place by Spring 2024. We plan to recruit on a rolling basis so will be in touch with applicants as and when they apply or express their interest.