

# TRUSTEE OPPORTUNITY



# WE ARE LOOKING FOR NEW TRUSTEES TO COMPLEMENT OUR EXISTING BOARD.

We are a small charity bringing music to the heart of healthcare in Sussex and Surrey. Working in partnership with NHS healthcare settings and with people of all ages in hospitals, we turn clinical places into cultural spaces, creating joy, levity, connection and expression through shared music-making.

- We run weekly music-making sessions at patients' bedsides and group settings with a range of hospitals in Sussex and Surrey. Our partners include neonatal units, children's hospitals, psychiatric wards for young people and for people with dementia, elderly care wards and intensive care units.
- We offer training to hospital volunteers, healthcare professionals and medical students at Brighton and Sussex Medical School.
- We share our knowledge generously, advocating for the Arts for Health movement through our partnerships and networks.

## What is a Trustee?

Trustees have overall control of a charity and are responsible for making sure it's doing what it was set up to do. They may be known as other titles such as directors; board members, committee members; governors. Whatever they are called, trustees are the people who lead the charity and decide how it is run.

- The Charity Commission.

## Benefits

- Be part of a small team making a big difference to healthcare settings across Sussex.
- Contribute your knowledge and experience to an organisation with real expertise in bringing arts and health together in partnership.
- All expenses covered.

We meet in-person four times a year in Brighton, although extra time in between meetings might be needed as appropriate.





# PERSON SPECIFICATION



## **We are looking for people with some of the following skills and experience:**

- **Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.** We are looking to recruit a new safeguarding lead for the organisation.
- **Research and evaluation.** We want to keep up to date with relevant academic studies in our field. As a small organisation it can be hard to do this, so we would welcome applications from people with academic backgrounds who can help with this.
- **HR and employment.** As our organisation slowly grows, we want to make sure that we are following best practices and being the best employer we can be.
- **Charity governance, finance and risk.** We want to ensure that we are always following best practices, identifying financial risks and safeguarding our organisation.

**If your skills and experience are not listed above but you are interested in joining us, please do get in touch!**

## **Attributes that we are seeking include:**

- Excellent teamwork and communication.
- An appetite for learning and self/group reflection.
- Kindness, passion and commitment.

## **We particularly encourage applications from people with ethnically and culturally diverse backgrounds, disabilities and lived experience of the following;**

- Lived experience of caring for someone living with dementia.
- Lived experience of caring for a child with health or mental health challenges.

**You do not need to have previous experience of being a Trustee to apply. Support and training will be provided for you.**

# WHAT DO OUR TRUSTEES SAY?

*I'm so proud to have been one of the founding directors of this amazing and impactful organisation. I'm a passionate advocate of music's power to support wellbeing and transform lives and it's been a privilege to be a part of the journey of bringing that power to people who are often experiencing huge challenges with their and their families' health.*

*Our CEO is a committed, brilliant woman who is a joy to work with. The organisation is small enough to be agile and responsive but established enough to be stable and able to plan for the future. I would heartily encourage any prospective trustees to apply; you'll have fun, learn a lot, work with some inspiring people and bring music-making joy to many.*

**Marie Benton, Trustee**

*Having been a Trustee at Wishing Well for just under two years whilst working in the NHS as a Clinician, I have had the wonderful opportunity to contribute to Wishing Well's vision of using music to enrich people's well-being through shared music-making.*

*The other Trustees and the CEO have been inspirational to work with - their expertise and passion have allowed Wishing Well to succeed in many new funding projects and ventures. I have had the opportunity to utilise my pre-existing skills as well as learn and develop in areas less familiar to me including organisational change. Being involved has also deepened my understanding of how powerful music can be as a mechanism for change growth and well-being.*

**Eleanor Carson, Treasurer**

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