



TRUSTEE OPPORTUNITY



WE ARE LOOKING FOR A TREASURER TRUSTEE TO JOIN OUR BOARD

Wishing Well Music for Health is seeking a new treasurer trustee to oversee our finances, support good governance and help us develop the best processes and policies for the charity. This is an opportunity to bring your financial expertise into a creative context to support a small music charity making a big impact in healthcare.

As our new treasurer, you will not only contribute to our finance and governance, but you will also be part of creating our next 3-year strategic vision and underpinning the work of our fantastic team of music for health facilitators.

Our ideal trustee will bring a combination of financial expertise and strategic insight. You'll have an eye for detail, a pro-active approach and be able to adapt your knowledge to our particular organisation.

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

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.



OUR ORGANISATION



We bring music to the heart of healthcare. We turn clinical places into cultural spaces to support the wellbeing of people in hospital by creating joy, connection and self-expression. We are a grass roots organisation making a big impact through creativity, partnership working and our commitment to using music to create change.

The Wishing Well programme was founded in 2013, became an independent non-profit in 2019 and registered as a charity in 2022.

- 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 healthcare professionals, medical students and early-career "music for health" practitioners.
- We share our knowledge generously, advocating for the Arts for Health movement through our partnerships and networks.

ABOUT TRUSTEES

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

What is it like being a Trustee at Wishing Well?

"As a Trustee I get to offer guidance on the charity's strategic direction, contribute my professional expertise, and be an advocate for inclusive, creative health practices that benefit vulnerable groups—from premature babies to older adults in psychiatric care.

I have spent my entire career in healthcare seeing and experiencing many different patient settings. Music has always been part of my life outside of work being an amateur musician and avid listener of all genres of music. I have seen the positive impact to patients, relatives, carers and staff over many years.

Being a Trustee offers me personal growth, expansion and new learning to my leadership experience, and, most importantly, the satisfaction of helping people reconnect with joy, identity, and community through music. It is a privilege to bring my experiences to Wishing Well Music for Health as a Trustee"

Denise Cook, Trustee.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

Essential skills:

- Experience in charity finance and governance.
- Strong understanding of financial reporting including Profit & Loss, Balance Sheet, and cash flow.
- Ability to analyse budgets, forecast income and expenditure.
- Commitment to ensuring financial transparency, good governance, and compliance with Charity Commission requirements.

Desirable qualities include:

- Experience working in the charity sector in a leadership capacity.
- The ability to review and reflect as part of a team.
- Understanding of grant funding, restricted income, or reserves management.
- A strategic thinker who can connect financial decisions to wider organisational goals.
- Collaborative, clear communicator with good judgement and integrity.
- A pro-active approach to solving problems.

We are committed to building a diverse and inclusive board. We particularly encourage applications from

- People with ethnically and culturally diverse backgrounds.
- People with disabilities.
- People with lived experience of caring for someone living with dementia or a child with health or mental health challenges.

You don't need previous trustee experience – enthusiasm, reliability and a willingness to learn are just as valuable.

Our board welcomes applicants of all backgrounds, regardless of race, religion, gender, age, sexual orientation or disability.

For more information and to discuss
joining our Board, please email:
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