



TRUSTEE OPPORTUNITY



WE ARE LOOKING FOR TRUSTEES TO JOIN OUR BOARD

Wishing Well Music for Health is seeking **Trustees**, including a **Treasurer Trustee** to help us deliver our next 3-year strategy and lead our work into the future. This is an opportunity to bring your skills into a creative context to support a small music charity making a big impact in healthcare across Sussex and Surrey.

We meet four times a year in Brighton. We like to meet in person, but some meetings can be held online or in a blended format. Extra time in between meetings is agreed depending on your capacity and area of responsibility.

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.

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, and those with lived experience of caring for someone living with dementia or a child with health or mental health challenges.

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.



ROLE DESCRIPTIONS

Treasurer Trustee

You will support the CEO with quarterly finance reports to the Board, with monthly book-keeping tasks and reviewing finance-related risks and opportunities.

The Treasurer role generally includes the skills outlined below however, we will support you with training to develop these skill. You do not need to have professional expertise to apply.

- An understanding of financial reporting, including Profit & Loss, Balance Sheet, and cash flow.
- A commitment to ensuring financial transparency, good governance, and compliance with Charity Commission requirements.
- The ability to review and reflect as part of a team
- An understanding of grant funding, restricted income, or reserves management.
- A strategic thinker who can connect financial decisions to wider organisational goals.
- A proactive approach to solving problems.

Trustee

Perhaps you want to learn about voluntary sector governance and leadership; want to help a grass roots charity with fundraising and networking; bring skills in problem solving, strategy or communication; want to be part of a joyful community making a difference.

You don't need previous trustee experience — enthusiasm, reliability, and a willingness to learn are just as valuable. We will provide any training and support you need.

We are looking for people with:

- A love of music and the vital role it plays in wellbeing and good mental health.
- Willingness to commit time, expertise, and enthusiasm to support a small but ambitious charity.
- Willingness to develop an understanding of Trusteeship and voluntary sector leadership.
- Able to reflect personally and as part of a team, think critically and take a pro-active approach to problem solving.
- Demonstrate a commitment to our values and mission.
- To bring your own experience and perspectives whilst still making decisions in the best interest of Wishing Well

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 grassroots 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.

Find out more about us at
wishingwellmusic.org.uk