

Skills for People seeks to recruit Trustees

About Skills for People

Skills for People is a successful charity with a reputation for quality and innovation. Since 1983, we have been working to improve the lives of disabled people and their families across the North East, and share innovation nationally.

We

- Support disabled people and their families through information, guidance, advocacy, self help and self advocacy
- Support disabled people and their families to shape services which affect them through consultation, active user engagement, and partnership working
- Support organisations with workforce development, user involvement and user led Quality Checks
- Support disabled people to influence local and national policy which affects the lives of disabled people and their families
- Ensure that Skills for People is led by disabled people, especially people with learning disabilities, and their experiences are at the heart of all we do

We have recently moved to newly refurbished premises; and plan to extend our services to benefit even more people in future.

New trustees

We are seeking to recruit up to four new trustees since some of our board members have moved on, or plan to do so shortly.

We are particularly looking for trustees with the following interests/skills

- Personal lived experience as a disabled person or family carer
- Financial management/accountancy
- Business or entrepreneurial skills – to help us shape and deliver a sustainable business
- Marketing /PR to raise the profile of the organisation
- HR/legal to help with the day to day running of the organisation
- Health and social care
- We are keen to diversify our board and welcome applications from all communities

The role

Trustees have overall control of a charity and are responsible for making sure it is doing what it was set up to do. They lead the charity and decide how it is run. Since Skills for People is a charitable company, limited by guarantee, our trustees are also Company Directors

The expected time commitment is up to six trustees meeting per year, each lasting 2 hours, one strategy day each year and optional time to support staff, or attend committees, or task and finish groups. Times of meetings are set to suit trustees. Meetings usually take place in Newcastle or via Zoom. Board members are welcome to play a more active role in shaping our services if they wish.

The benefits

- You will be helping to improve the lives of disabled people and their families.

- You will gain experience of strategic decision making and charity management.
- You will be able to shape and influence innovative projects
- The post of trustee is unpaid, but all reasonable expenses are reimbursed.

How to apply

Previous board/trustee experience is not necessary and we welcome applications from all ages and backgrounds.

If you are interested,, please email your CV and a covering letter to lez.cottrell@skillsforpeople.org.uk

For an informal chat, please email our Chief Executive liz.wright@skillsforpeople.org.uk

Interviews will be arranged at a time to suit applicants.