

FOCUS Charity Seeks New Trustees

Do you want to change a young person's life?

We are a dynamic young person's charity seeking trustees inspired by our vision

FOCUS charity brings together diverse groups of people to run innovative team-based projects that benefit the community and offer personal development opportunities for participants. Our projects include [Leicesteval](#) (volunteering to celebrate festivals), [Breathing Space](#) (community gardening to tackle mental health issues), [Inspire](#) (and community projects) and [Start](#) (addressing issues of isolation and exploitation).



Since its creation in 1988, FOCUS has worked with almost 17,000 young and disabled people. Over 4500 volunteers have helped run our residential and schools-based programmes. Today, FOCUS is one of the leading youth organisations in the East Midlands.

We believe passionately in the power of our projects to bring about lasting change in people's lives by running projects that enhance their skills, confidence and aspirations. This passion is shared by staff, volunteers and participants. It is the job of the Board of Trustees to harness the energy and talent of everybody involved and provide a guiding hand to the organisation as a whole.

Who are we looking for?

We regularly review the skills and backgrounds of our Board and as a result of some trustees retiring, we would benefit from the appointment of trustees who have any of the following skills:

- **Connections to communities we work with** e.g. a referrer or former participant in our projects
- **Fundraising or campaign management** to help raise more money to reach more young people
- **Financial management** e.g. an accountant or finance manager
- **Strategic planning and implementation** to ensure we achieve our growth objectives
- **Youth and community work**, who understands the difficulties of partnership working
- **Equality, diversity and inclusion** e.g. Anti-Oppressive Practices to help us in our drive to be free from all forms of discrimination

We also welcome applications from anyone who has other skills that might be relevant to our Board. Experience in the voluntary sector is preferable but not mandatory.

FOCUS warmly embraces the values of inclusion, equality and diversity. We welcome interest from all sections of the community, regardless of background. Most importantly, we seek applications from people who desire to play a small but important part in this life-changing organisation.

Role of the Trustees

The Board of Trustees is responsible for the governance of FOCUS, ensuring that we fulfil our obligations: to meet our charitable aims and funders' commitments such as achieving agreed outcomes. Trustees attend quarterly meetings and take on activities between meetings. They are also encouraged to visit our projects each year to remind them about what makes FOCUS so special. Meetings are usually in Leicester although remote attendance can sometimes be possible.



How to find out more

If you are interested, we would like to hear from you. Our web site (www.focus-charity.co.uk) provides more details. Please contact our Director (Matt Lilley) on 0116 251 0369 / Matt.Lilley@focus-charity.co.uk before 31/3/2021 for an information pack.