

Do you want to help 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 projects and offer personal development opportunities, which benefit participants and the wider community. Our projects include Leicestival (volunteering in yearly festivals and events), 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 over 21,000 young people. Over 4500 volunteers have helped run our 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 young people's lives by enhancing 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 currently have an enthusiastic Board of Trustees with a wide range of skills. After a regular review of the skills and backgrounds of our Board, we believe that we would benefit from the appointment of two trustees with backgrounds in:

- Fundraising or campaign management to help raise more money to reach more young people – through campaigns, grant applications or corporate support.
- Financial management (e.g. an accountant or finance manager) – to ensure that we maintain appropriate financial controls such as budgeting and reporting. This would be to support our Treasurer.

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 or as a video conference.



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 30/4/2023 for an information pack.