

Trustee Information Pack

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Role Details

Title:	Trustee
Reporting to:	The Board of Trustees
Location:	Edinburgh or remotely by video call
Organisation:	Edinburgh Food Project
Salary:	Unpaid
Commitment:	Board meetings are held every 6 weeks on Monday evenings, at 5pm (currently via Zoom). Between Board meetings you may be required to spend additional time on subjects such as setting strategic direction, dealing with staff matters, improving governance or making decisions on infrastructure.

The Application Process

Application deadline: 5pm, 22 March 2021

If you are interested in the position please email your CV and a short cover letter to trustees@edinburghfoodproject.org

Alternatively if you would like to have an informal discuss about the role please contact:

Bethany Biggar, Director, bethanybiggar@edinburghfoodproject.org

About Edinburgh Food Project

Edinburgh Food Project was established in 2012 with the aim of reducing the effects of food poverty in Edinburgh by providing emergency food parcels to those in the community most in need. Over the last three years, we have been transitioning our 8 foodbank centres into “More than Food” hubs to allow our clients to access dedicated support to help them with their immediate and underlying problems to reduce/eliminate their need for food bank assistance and build their financial resilience for the future.

Role Description

Trustee

Edinburgh Food Project is overseen by the Board of Trustees, who have overall responsibility and accountability for everything the charity does. The Board consist of 12 individual volunteers (unpaid) who bring an array of skills and experience to help set the charities strategic direction and ensure good governance. Trustees have an opportunity to significantly contribute towards Edinburgh Food Project's mission:

"To provide emergency food supplies and support to people in crisis, while working with people, communities, and our partner agencies to address the underlying causes of food poverty."

Statutory Trustee Duties

- To ensure Edinburgh Food Project complies with its governing document, charity law and any other relevant legislation or regulations
- To ensure Edinburgh Food Project pursues its objectives as defined in its Constitution
- To ensure Edinburgh Food Project uses its resources exclusively to carry out its objectives
- To safeguard the name and reputation of Edinburgh Food Project
- To declare any conflict of interest while carrying out the duties of trustee
- To be collectively responsible for the actions of Edinburgh food Project and other trustees

- Maintaining proper financial oversight both now and in the future through strategic planning

General Trustee Duties

- To set and maintain the vision, mission, values of Edinburgh Food Project
- To contribute actively to the Board's role in developing Edinburgh Food Project's strategy
- To establish and monitor Edinburgh Food Project policies
- To maintain effective Board performance and contribute actively to Board meetings and decision making
- To understand the financial situation of Edinburgh Food Project and ensure its financial stability
- To ensure and oversee the effective administration of Edinburgh Food Project
- To support the management of the organisation led by the Director
- To set and oversee effective employment procedures
- To actively promote Edinburgh Food Project

Person Specification

Essential criteria

- You have to be 16 or over, and must not be disqualified from acting as a trustee
- You have the necessary time and energy to devote to the role
- Enthusiasm to support the mission of Edinburgh Food Project
- Ability to take a strategic view of Edinburgh Food Project while understanding operational services
- Ability to respect the confidentiality of the Board and management discussions

Desirable Criteria

We are particularly interested in hearing from applicants with either:

- Fundraising experience,
- General or Debt Advice experience
- Mental Health Support experience
- Legal experience or
- Lived experience of poverty

In addition we are also looking for potential trustees with a broad range of skills from IT through to creating links with corporate partners, relevant communities or service users.