



Trustee Recruitment

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Wallsend Boys Club (WBC) was founded in 1904 by the employees & directors of Swan Hunters Shipyard to provide recreational activities for apprentices & other young people. WBC’s mission is aligned to its charitable objectives; to work and help develop young people to fulfil their potential and contribute to society.

Currently WBC has 56 representative football teams (players aged 4-70yrs) including 10 girls’ and 3 women’s senior teams equating to over 550 young people & approximately 150 adults.

More than this, it has supported thousands of young people to become responsible citizens through a wide range of sport and activity based programmes, initially at premises on Station Road until 2012 and more recently at Kirkley Park. The latter site has been systematically developed over the last ten years and includes a new Community Hub and full sized artificial and grass pitches.

The Trustees and Staff are now developing a programme of activities that will cater for people of all abilities and those with learning or physical disabilities through the concept of ‘Sporting Wallsend’, a wholly owned subsidiary of WBC. Kirkley Park will become a thriving hub, supporting both the youngest and oldest members of the community and membership will be reflective of the neighbourhoods which it serves. This will include those who have chosen to be more physically active, those who are referred, for example from their GP’s, due to poor health and people who are socially isolated or lonely and require the company of others.



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To enhance the offer of Sporting Walsend

A sport and activity based community outreach programme is being developed which engages with people, particularly young people, in their own neighbourhoods. Sporting Walsend will turn spaces of 'nothing to do' into spaces of 'something to do' and become a trusted partner with stakeholders in the statutory, voluntary and commercial sectors.

In order to ensure the success of both the site and outreach programmes, the current board have conducted a skills audit and are keen to recruit up to three new trustees who are able to fill the gaps identified. The board are also aware that there is a current gender and ethnicity imbalance amongst trustees and are equally keen to receive applications from women and people from an ethnic minority background.





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What skills are we looking for?

We are looking for people willing to bring energy, enthusiasm and commitment to the role, and who will broaden the diversity of thinking on our board. You do not need previous governance experience; we will provide a full induction and training.

We are looking for up to three individuals who have the knowledge, skills and ability to support a thriving grassroots sport and activity based charity with management and organisational governance, bringing credibility and influence at a senior level and equally with young people.

We would particularly like to hear from people who can bring some of the following values and behavioural approaches:

- Vision and creativity, exceptional listening skills, integrity and commitment, team players, emotional intelligence, and a willingness to learn about being a trustee.
- A passion in giving children and young people access to an inclusive safe space and a desire for them to fulfil their potential.
- The ability to oversee financial plans and budgets and monitor and evaluate progress.
- To ensure that key risks are being identified, monitored and controlled effectively.
- People who have knowledge and skills in any of the following:
 1. Human Resource Management
 2. Philanthropic Giving
 3. Information and Communications Technology / Data Security
 4. Safeguarding and Welfare experience
 5. Equality, Diversity and Inclusion / Disability Awareness



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As a small / medium sized charity, there are times when the trustees need to be actively involved beyond Board meetings. This may involve scrutinising board papers, leading discussions, focusing on key issues, providing advice and guidance on new initiatives, presenting externally, or other issues in which the trustee has expertise.

What difference will you make?

This appointment is an opportunity to have a positive and lasting impact on a successful and growing charity that is making a real difference for children and young people in the north east.

Terms of office

- Trustees are appointed for a 3 year term of office, renewal for 3 further terms to a maximum of 9 years.
- This is a voluntary position, but reasonable expenses are reimbursed.

Time commitment

- Attending 4 Board meetings annually. Currently meetings are held either remotely and / or in person at the Peter Olsen Community Hub, Kirkley Park Wallsend.

For an informal chat about the role, please get in touch with:

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To apply, please submit a cover letter (1 page) about how and why the role of a Trustee appeals to you along with your CV.