



Trustee recruitment

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Join us and make a difference at Charlton Toy Library

About Charlton Toy Library

Charlton Toy Library is a small but impactful charity supporting the wellbeing, development and safety of children and families across Greenwich.

For over 40 years, we have provided a welcoming space where families can meet, play and borrow toys, books and child safety equipment at low cost. Our Stay and Play sessions help young children learn and socialise, while our Outreach Service supports vulnerable and isolated families with practical resources, advice and ongoing support.

Like many small charities, we are operating within an increasingly challenging economic and funding environment. We are therefore looking to strengthen our trustee board to help ensure Charlton Toy Library remains a sustainable and valued community resource for years to come.

What Trustees do

As a Trustee, you will play an important role in guiding the charity and supporting its long-term sustainability and impact.

Working as part of a supportive and committed board, trustees help oversee strategy, governance, finance, fundraising and operational resilience.

Key responsibilities

Trustees collectively help to:

- Set the vision and strategic direction for Charlton Toy Library
- Ensure the charity complies with legal and governance requirements
- Oversee financial sustainability and responsible use of resources
- Support fundraising, partnerships and community engagement
- Work alongside staff and volunteers to support the effective running of the charity

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- Act as ambassadors for Charlton Toy Library and the families we support

This is a practical and hands-on role where professional skills and experience can make a direct contribution to the future of the charity.

Skills and experience

While we welcome trustees with any professional experience, we are particularly interested in hearing from applicants with experience in:

- IT and digital systems
- Early years or family support services
- Facilities or operations management
- Volunteer coordination or event management

You do not need previous trustee experience or experience working with children.

We are looking for people who are committed, collaborative and motivated to support a small community charity.

Ideal candidates will bring:

- ✓ Commitment to our mission and values
- ✓ Strategic thinking and good judgement
- ✓ A practical and collaborative approach
- ✓ Integrity and independence
- ✓ Willingness to contribute ideas and challenge constructively

We welcome applications from people of all backgrounds and are committed to building a diverse and inclusive trustee board.

What you'll get in return

- The opportunity to make a meaningful difference to local families
- Experience in charity governance and leadership
- The chance to contribute professional skills to a community organisation
- A supportive and committed trustee team

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- Flexibility, including opportunities to contribute remotely

Commitment required

- Monthly board meetings (75 minutes, weekday evenings)
- Two half-day strategy sessions each year
- Attendance at the charity's Annual General Meeting (AGM)
- Participation in relevant trustee sub-groups and occasional ad-hoc meetings or activities (for example fundraising, events or operational projects)
- Minimum commitment of two years
- Out-of-pocket expenses reimbursed

How to apply

If you'd like to get involved, we'd love to hear from you! Please send a short cover letter and CV to info@charltontoylibrary.org.uk.

For more information, feel free to contact us at info@charltontoylibrary.org.uk.

Join us in shaping the future of Charlton Toy Library and making a difference for local families.

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