

Housing Matters (Bristol) Board of Trustees

Role:	Trustee (HR expertise)
Contract Type:	N/A
Hours:	Part Time
Location:	Bristol or the surrounding areas
Salary:	The role of Trustee is not accompanied by any financial remuneration, although expenses for travel may be claimed

About Housing Matters: Established in 1965 and formerly known as CHAS (Bristol), Housing Matters provide free specialist housing advice, practical support, and advocacy for people in housing crisis; particularly those at risk of homelessness. We help clients achieve lasting solutions – a safe, permanent home appropriate for their needs. Our clients are predominantly low-income families and individuals, primarily living in the inner city where we are based.

We are a small and highly ambitious charity, and have used the last few years to begin a journey of substantial change and growth. We've formalised our internal structures, expanded our staff team and developed a growing portfolio of projects and partnerships. We have a special place in Bristol and the local community, offering a high-quality advice service and community partnership projects since 1965.

We're now at a stage in our development where we want to consolidate our position and grow to the next level, investing in staff, systems and our local community to achieve our ambitious goals for the next three years.

Details of Role: We are looking for a Trustee to join our board of nine. Due to our sustainable growth, including an increase in our staff team from four to ten over the last few years, we are looking for someone who brings expertise in Human Resources, ideally to include HR systems, policies, staff benefits and wellbeing.

The successful candidate will join an established board of Trustees that have a broad range of skills and expertise. The board meets every two months in central Bristol with an online option available.

We are keen to have a Trustee board which is representative of the community we serve and welcome applications from people with lived experience of housing and homelessness issues to help us to shape and develop our service.

We would love to hear from you if:

- You are interested in our vision, mission and values
- Have significant experience in Human Resources with the ability to provide strategic leadership;
- You can come along to our board meetings (every two months) and offer some additional time between meetings to support the running and development of the charity.
- You can support the charity to achieve its goals and ensure the charity functions within legal requirements.
- You have an understanding of our service users, preferably with personal and/or professional experience with homelessness and housing difficulty, although this is not essential.

We can offer you:

- The chance to be part of a charity at an exciting time in its development, and to have a big impact. Trustees are essential to ensuring that Housing Matters remains strong, sustainable and able to navigate changing times and economic climates.
- The opportunity to be part of our small, dedicated, friendly team.
- The opportunity to make a difference to homelessness issues in Bristol.
- Experience of being on a board of Trustees, with training and development opportunities.
- Expenses, so you are not out of pocket.

How to apply: If you are interested in applying, please send a short cover letter and CV to recruitment@housingmatters.org.uk

For questions regarding the role, please contact Daisy Pitcher (Director) through the Housing Matters recruitment email above.