



Common Wheel is looking for a Lawyer to join the Board of Trustees

Role: Voluntary Member of the Board of Trustees
Location: Campbell House, Gartnavel Royal Hospital, Glasgow
Website: www.commonwheel.org.uk

Organisation profile

Our **vision** is that people with mental illness in Glasgow are able to live a meaningful and satisfying life and contribute to society.

Our **mission** is to improve mental wellbeing, increase skills and reduce isolation through the provision of supported, meaningful activities for people with mental illness and dementia.

We currently provide three activities:

- Bicycle building workshops
- Participatory music workshops
- Carnival art workshops

We support people living in the local community, on hospital wards and in care homes. Just over 500 people a year benefit from the work we do. We have an annual turnover of just under £200K and a workforce of seven staff, twelve volunteers and seven freelancers.

In 2015 Common Wheel was the winner of the 'Glasgow Community Champion Award' (Health and Wellbeing category). And in 2016 we won BBC Radio Four's 'All in the Mind Award' for Best Project.

Role profile

Common Wheel is seeking to expand the current Board of seven Trustees. We are looking for a Lawyer to help support our work. A background in one or a

combination of the following would be useful: mental health, disability, the voluntary sector.

The Board of Trustees is responsible for:

- ensuring that the organisation pursues its objectives as defined in its governing document, charity law and other relevant legislations
- strategic decision-making
- working in partnership with the Project Manager, helping them achieve the aims of the organisation

The responsibilities of charity trustees in Scotland are set out in detail at http://www.oscr.org.uk/media/2728/v10_guidance-and-good-practice-for-charity-trustees.pdf

Our board is guided by a 3-year plan, which sets out the following vision for Common Wheel

By the end of 2019 Common Wheel would like to:

- be known as a general mental health project, respected within Glasgow not just for our work with music and bikes but for offering clients a number of activity options
- be a stable social enterprise with a sustainable mix of earned income, core NHS support, multi-year grant funding and voluntary donations
- retain a skilled staff team with sufficient management capacity, working to robust policies and procedures, with access to a pool of high quality freelancers keen to work with us
- be governed by a strong strategic board
- be well networked with valued partnerships in the public, private and third sectors - creating opportunities to increase our impact and attract funding and resources
- operate from secure premises, fit-for-purpose for our various activities – including a retail outlet for bike sales and repairs – and serving the whole of Glasgow
- have evidence for the difference we make to help us review and improve our services, and sharing our expertise with others

Time commitment

Board meetings take place on a week day at 6pm every six to eight weeks and last for approximately 2 hours. In addition Trustees take part in an annual development meeting, usually on a Saturday morning or afternoon. Finally Trustees are invited to join one of the sub-committee groups. These groups meet as and when necessary.

Expenses

All reasonable expenses will be paid.

For more information please contact

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