

Trustee Opportunities



Walk the Loop is looking for enthusiastic and committed trustees who can help us navigate through a time of transition as we seek to develop and broaden our services.

We are a small registered charity that exists to promote the holistic learning, development and well-being of young children and those responsible for their care through engaging with nature. We run nature trails, scavenger hunts and related arts and crafts on or near the London Loop, a pathway that skirts Greater London. Our aim is to help children move about with joy and freedom, explore the world around them with curiosity, express themselves and share their experiences with others. Our strap-line is “to ignite a spark that will last a life-time.”

Guided by the values of compassion, generosity of spirit and inclusion, we are concerned that participants in our activities appreciate the beauty of our natural environment while finding out how to sustain and nurture it for future generations especially at a time when biodiversity is threatened by climate change.

General Duties

You will join a small group of trustees whose overall responsibilities include:

- overseeing the strategic and operational development of the charity
- furthering its purpose, values and vision
- ensuring compliance with the governing document and that all the charity’s activities are legal and follow the guidelines set out by the Charity Commission
- overseeing finances to ensure sustainable funding is in place and that there is full transparency in all financial transactions
- establishing and monitoring policies
- ensuring services are quality assured so they meet the needs of users with a strong, positive impact.
- appointing, managing and supporting staff / volunteers

Specific Duties

You will bring insight and expertise to specific aspects of our service by taking on duties that reflect your experience, skills and qualifications. Your individual profile will be valued so that your particular support makes a significant difference to the lives of those we work with.

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Person Specification

We are looking for someone who:

- cares deeply about our mission and purpose and shares our values
- is reliable, honest and accountable
- is thorough in approach while open to new opportunities
- is able to think creatively
- is an effective communicator who listens actively while being willing to speak their mind
- is motivated and persevering and keen to make things happen
- is able to work effectively as a member of a team with kindness and empathy
- is objective and fair in judgement

What would it involve?

With generally four mandatory annual meetings, it works well for busy people. You will be asked to prepare for the meetings and follow up any actions agreed. You will also be invited to help with specific tasks and projects, putting in as much time as is realistic for you. There will be additional training opportunities and conferences, helping you hone your skills and understanding. This will be of benefit to you for personal growth and / or professional development in relation to any future work or career moves you may wish to make.

Eligibility

We are legally required to ensure we take on:

- no one under 18
- no one serving a conviction
- no one recently filed for bankruptcy
- no one without proof of the right to work in the UK

In compliance with Walk the Loop's Safeguarding and Health and Safety policies, any trustee of our organisation must have undergone a standard DBS check. You may already have DBS status or you can apply as part of Walk the Loop's induction process.

How to Apply

You will be invited to complete an Expression of Interest form and send it to info@walktheloop.org.uk with a C.V. An interview may follow at a date and time that is convenient for you with at least two trustees. This can be online but we prefer it to be face-to-face. If you and the trustees agree that it would be appropriate for you to join us, your eligibility will be checked and

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we will request two references preferably one personal and one professional. You will also be requested to complete a Declaration of Interest Form.

A Few more Details

Once you join us as a trustee, you will be given an induction pack introducing you to our code of conduct, constitution, policies and procedures. You will have the option to observe events in order to see how we carry out our practice on the front line. You may take part if you so choose. This helps you arrive at a clear idea of our services and gives you opportunities to meet other volunteers and beneficiaries in addition to the trustees.

Expenses

As set out by the Charity Commission, trustees cannot be paid directly for the tasks they carry out and the time they spend at meetings. They can claim for expenses, however, in terms of agreed travel, training and materials and resources they may buy specifically for work carried out on the charity's behalf. They must keep all relevant receipts.