

Refugee Support Devon

Community Fundraising trustee role description

Job title	Trustee with community fundraising role
Direct report	RSD's manager, the board of trustees and a small group of staff, trustees and volunteers comprising the fundraising subcommittee.
Background	A background in any of the following areas: charity fundraising, communications, marketing, finance, public relations, sales, organising events.

Role summary

- To explore avenues and opportunities for fundraising in the local community and on social media.
- To bring a fresh perspective to fundraising plans and strategy, and support the organisation's fundraisers.
- To ensure fundraising is of the highest standard and priority.

Main responsibilities of the community fundraising trustee

- Be actively involved in community or corporate fundraising initiatives.
- Be an active champion of the organisation.
- Make sure fundraising is carried out in legal, honest and accountable ways.
- Assess where fundraising fits into the overall organisation strategy and work with staff and volunteers to ensure effective income generation is being achieved.
- Develop new ideas and strategies to build a long-term, sustainable funding base for the organisation.
- Support and encourage the fundraising team in their work and contribute to the organisation's fundraising strategy.
- Carry out risk assessment at every fundraising stage, especially when considering new or ambitious fundraising strategies.
- Advise the board on fundraising techniques e.g. professional fundraising and how to link with other organisations.
- Maintain regular communication with social media and comms trustee and team member

Qualities of a fundraising trustee

Essential

- Enthusiasm for promoting the work of Refugee Support Devon and building new relationships with local organisations and businesses.
- Someone with sufficient fundraising/income-generation knowledge and/or business development background or having run a small to medium size business.
- A good understanding of community fundraising, an ability to monitor progress and to ask the right questions about fundraising strategy and implementation.
- Excellent networking and communication skills.
- An ability to work effectively as a member of a team.
- A commitment to Nolan's seven principles of public life: selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness, honesty and leadership.

Desirable

- Knowledge of digital or social media.
- An understanding of the challenges facing small UK charities in maximising income streams & donor cultivation.
- Experience of diverse fundraising practices, including corporate and philanthropic giving.
- Knowledge of the voluntary sector. An understanding of the UK charity sector and good governance.
- Existing relationships and contacts at charities and businesses located in Exeter and Devon

Time commitment and location

- The board meets at least seven times a year.
- You will be a member of a sub-committee which will meet every 2-3 weeks on Zoom.
- Anticipated time commitment: 8 hours per month.
- Board meetings are held every 2 months on a Tuesday evening at the organisation's premises or (alternately) on Zoom:
Exeter Community Centre, 17 St David's Hill, Exeter EX4 3RG.

How to apply

Please send a CV and covering letter by post or email to:

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