

## **TRUSTEE ROLE DESCRIPTION**

## **Trustee Duties are as follows:**

- Ensuring that the organisation pursues its stated purposes, as defined in its governing document, by developing and agreeing a long-term strategy
- Ensuring that the organisation complies with its governing document (memorandum and articles of association), charity law, company law and any other relevant legislation or regulations
- Ensuring that the organisation applies its resources exclusively in pursuance of its charitable objects/purposes
- > Ensuring that the organisation defines its goals and evaluates performance against agreed targets
- Safeguarding the good name and values of the organisation
- Ensuring the effective and efficient administration of the organisation, including having appropriate policies and procedures in place
- > Ensuring the financial stability of the organisation
- Protecting and managing the property of the charity and ensuring the proper investment of the charity's funds
- Following proper and formal arrangements for the appointment, supervision, support, appraisal and renumeration of the General Manager

In addition to the above statutory duties, each trustee should use any specific skills, knowledge or experience they have to help the Board of Trustees reach sound decisions. This may involve scrutinising board papers, leading discussions, focusing on key issues, providing advice and guidance on new initiatives, or other issues in which the trustee has special expertise.

## **Person Specification**

- A commitment to the organisation
- > An understanding and acceptance of the legal duties, responsibilities, and liabilities of trusteeship
- A willingness to devote the necessary time and effort
- Strategic vision
- Good, independent judgement
- An ability to think creatively
- > A willingness to voice opinions
- > An ability to work effectively as a member of a team