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TRUSTEE & BOARD OPPORTUNITIES

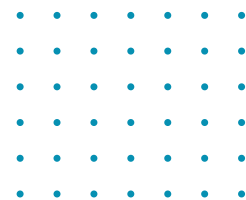
VOLUNTEER ROLES **SPRING 2024**

YOUR LOCAL THIRD SECTOR NEEDS YOU!

Make a huge positive impact in your local community by volunteering as a charity trustee, committee member or undertaking a role on a Board in Aberdeen.

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Give your time & skills: **Volunteer as a Board trustee in Aberdeen**



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Make a difference in your local community

Volunteering as a charity trustee, committee member or undertaking a role on a Board can be a transformative opportunity both for the individual and the wider community.

Why volunteer as a Board Trustee in Aberdeen?

By lending your expertise and dedication as a volunteer in Aberdeen you can play a pivotal role in shaping the direction and impact of local third sector organisations, working toward ensuring effective governance, sustainable growth and positive impact.

The difference made as a result of lending your time and experience extends beyond the boundary of the organisation itself. Your involvement and contributions will result in real change within Aberdeen's communities as we work towards ensuring our city is a fair and inclusive place for all to live, where voices from all demographics can be heard.

Serving as charity trustee, or taking on another Board role, also offers you a platform for personal growth and fulfilment. Through leadership, decision-making, and strategic planning, volunteering can help in further developing invaluable skills that enrich both your professional and personal life. This dual impact underscores the significance of volunteering in Aberdeen; by empowering individuals to make a tangible difference, a stronger, more resilient community can be realised for all.

Aberdeen benefits hugely from the contribution of the amazing people who regularly volunteer across the city – all help makes a real difference and is always greatly appreciated. As well as the opportunities listed in this document, there are a vast number of other ways you can contribute your time and skills across our diverse third sector.

We update our volunteer listings on a regular basis, you can find details of the latest roles at volunteeraberndeen.org.uk and acvo.org.uk/volunteer.

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Current opportunities

Volunteer as a trustee or board member in Aberdeen

The opportunities featured here are all based within local organisation and are advertised online via the ACVO, Volunteer Aberdeen and Volunteer Scotland websites.

If you are reading a digital copy of this document you can click the links to find out more. Those reading a printed copy can look up the links on their browser or scan the QR code to visit the relevant page.

If you want to find out more about ACVO's work to support volunteering in Aberdeen, please visit acvo.org.uk/volunteering



Charity Trustees

Aberdeen in Recovery



We are now looking to find talented, passionate and skilled people to fill some vacant seats on our Board of Trustees to help us grow and develop our innovative and solution focused new charity. This is a unique opportunity to help lay the foundations to ensure AiR has a long-term future as a charity with solid processes in place to ensure it meets its mission of; "To be a bridge from 'dependence' to 'independence' for the individual seeking to recover from problematic substance use and addictive behaviours". So, if you have lived experience, or a stakeholder interest, and a passion for recovery and are willing to give of yourself that another may learn, please get in touch with the AIR team.

Find out more at <https://bit.ly/air-trustees>



Board Members

ADA-Alcohol & Drugs Action



ADA - Alcohol & Drugs Action is an award-winning charity, delivering specialist services to reduce harms and promote recovery of individuals and families affected by alcohol and drugs in the Northeast of Scotland. We are contracted through Health and Social Care in Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire, as main provider for such services.

We welcome applications from people with lived experience who have been affected by alcohol and drug issues as well as candidates who have governance experience and/or expertise at board or senior management level in their field, especially with skills and experience in the following areas: Finance/financial management; Governance and quality assurance; Fundraising and campaigning; Stewardship of charity assets

Find out more at <https://bit.ly/ada-board-members>



Board Members

Advocacy Service Aberdeen



Advocacy Service Aberdeen is a registered charity providing independent advocacy support to a wide range of people living in Aberdeen City. We are looking for people to join our Board of trustees who are passionate about the rights and inclusion of people in decisions which matter to them. The Board is responsible for setting the strategy and policies of the charity and overseeing the running of the organisation. We are open to applicants from a diverse range of experiences and background and would also be interested in hearing from people who have the following experiences: **Finance/accounting; Fundraising; Experience of supporting/caring for people; Law; Human Resources**

Find out more at <https://bit.ly/asa-board-members>



Trustee / Treasurer

Altens and Cove Community Association (ACCA)



Altens and Cove Community Association Centre is a local independent charity, run by volunteer Trustees and a small staff team from Altens Community Centre. Serving Altens and Cove, the centre offers a wide range of community activities, along with private hires of our meeting rooms, sports hall and community rooms, and a café. Our highly recommended Fishies Playgroup operates within Altens Community Centre on weekday mornings during term time. We are looking for new trustees to join our friendly group of staff and trustees. In particular, we are seeking a treasurer to manage the association's accounts in conjunction with the centre manager and other members of the board of trustees.

Find out more at <https://bit.ly/altens-treasurer>



Trustees

Befriend a Child

befriend a child



We are currently seeking passionate individuals to join our Board of Trustees. In particular, we are looking for new Directors with skills and experience in one or more of the following areas: **Education, Social Work, Marketing / Fundraising and Communications and IT**. The new roles will join a small dedicated team of Trustees already in place and will help to strengthen the Board and lead the organisation into the future. This is a great opportunity for someone who has an understanding of charity or similar corporate governance. The role will be to support the leadership of the charity and drive forward the organisational strategy.

Find out more at <https://bit.ly/befriend-a-child-trustees>



Trustees

Bon Accord Heritage



Are you passionate about preserving a piece of Aberdeen's history while shaping its future? Bon Accord Baths is looking for dedicated individuals to join our board of trustees. As a trustee, you'll play a key role in revitalising this iconic building, driving the project forward, ensuring its legacy for generations to come.

If you have expertise in **governance, finance, operations** or a deep love for **heritage**, we'd love to hear from you.

Find out more at <https://bit.ly/bon-accord-heritage-trustees>



Treasurer

Brain Injury Group (BIG)



We are a small local charity run by volunteers for the people of Grampian who have been affected by an acquired brain injury. We are looking for someone to take the role of treasurer within our organisation. Your role will include the day to day payment of expenses, applying for funding and some general book keeping. This role is not onerous as we have no staff and our overheads are minimal. You will have had previous experience of working or volunteering in book keeping / finance and will have a knowledge of legal requirements. As we are a small committee we all work together and have a lot of fun.



Find out more at <https://bit.ly/big-treasurer>

Trustees

The Breadmaker (part of Aberdeen Day Project charity)



bread with purpose

The Breadmaker, as part of the Aberdeen Day Project (a registered charity) is an artisan bakery and coffee house. Located in Aberdeen City. We produce and sell a range of quality handcrafted breads and confectionary to wholesale and retail customers alike with the purpose of providing a range of work placements, training and social activities for adults with learning disabilities (apprentices) who can otherwise experience exclusion and isolation in society. As Volunteer Trustees/Directors you would help maintain the objectives and aims of the Breadmaker We would especially be appreciative of people to join our Board of Trustees who have a professional background, people who come from **HR, IT, Marketing, Care, Counsellor background** etc.



Find out more at <https://bit.ly/breadmaker-trustee>

Committee Members

Bridge of Don Community Centre



Bridge of Don Community Centre
Serving the local people

We are seeking new Committee Members for Bridge of Don Community Centre – your skills will contribute to developments as well as continuation of the current programme. Our preferred means of development is to follow ideas that come from the community. The committee meets monthly on Thursday evenings 6.30pm – 8.30pm at the Community Centre which is in the Bridge of Don Academy Building. Car Parking is good and the No 1 bus has a stop near to the building. A fantastic opportunity to help and make a real difference for the community.



Find out more at <https://bit.ly/bodcc-committee>

Director Volunteers

Castlehill Housing Trust



Castlehill Housing Trust (the Trust) is a private charitable landlord providing accommodation across the Northeast of Scotland to people with various needs including learning disabilities and mental health issues. The Trust is governed by a Board of up to 11 Directors, who meet at least four times a year. A maximum of 6 Board members may be representatives of Castlehill Housing Association, the Trust's parent Company. The Trust aims to ensure that the structure and make up of its Board delivers a balanced approach with a range of experience and knowledge recognising that overall strategic control sits with Castlehill, but that the Trust must operate and deliver its services in its own distinctive way, meeting the needs of its clients.



Find out more at <https://bit.ly/castlehill-directors>

Board Members

City Moves Dance Agency SCIO

CITYMOVES

Citymoves Dance Agency SCIO is a regional dance charity based in Aberdeen, in the North East of Scotland. Our charitable purpose is to lead positive impacts through dance. The organisation was established as an independent Scottish charity in 2015. We're committed to making continued improvements to how we work, across all parts of the organisation. We strive to remove barriers so that people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds can experience the benefits of a life enriched by dance. We welcome applications at any time, from individuals with a variety of skills. Experience in any one or more of the below areas would be particularly welcome: **Finance and fundraising; Knowledge of the local Aberdeen ecology; Running an arts or community organisation**

Find out more at <https://bit.ly/citymoves-board>



Treasurer, Vice Chair and Welfare Officer Opportunities

Club Sport Aberdeen



Club Sport Aberdeen is a vibrant body directed by the clubs, for the clubs. As an independent charity, we provide a unified voice for sport clubs in Aberdeen at the top level across the city through our relationship with the Active Aberdeen Partnership. The board of Club Sport Aberdeen is made up of a board of volunteer trustees who meet regularly to discuss programmes and initiatives that will benefit sports clubs across the city, which includes projects such as the North East Youth Panel and Active Schools Voucher projects. However, we would be keen to support clubs to deliver projects that also impact on mental health, increasing confidence and breaking down barriers to access sport and physical activity.

Find out more at <https://bit.ly/clubsport-aberdeen>



Volunteer Board Members

Disabled Persons Housing Service Aberdeen



As a member of the Board, you will operate at a strategic level and be determined to ensure the charity can be the best it can be whilst maintaining its core values. In return for your enthusiasm, time and commitment, you will gain invaluable experience, including decision-making at a strategic level; risk, governance and financial management; and be involved with like-minded colleagues from all walks of life who consider, at times, complex issues and promote the Charity (and its services) at every opportunity. We welcome interest from those who share our values and who can bring new thinking to how we operate and approach issues. We also wish our Board to be as diverse as those we serve and welcome those from all sectors of our communities.

Find out more at <https://bit.ly/dphsa-board>



Minutes Secretary

Drink Link SCIO

DRINKLiNK

We are currently looking for a Minutes Secretary to join us on a voluntary basis.

DRINKLiNK believes that no one life should be negatively affected by someone else's drinking. Our aim is to link people affected by someone else's drinking, we know the impact of this can be wide reaching so we work to provide signposting to support, and services to facilitate education and recovery.

Objective of the role: To ensure that the decisions, commitments and major discussion points made at Board Meetings are accurately recorded and stored for quick reference.

Find out more at <https://bit.ly/drinklink-secretary>



Committee Members

Early Intervention



Early Intervention is a neurodivergent safe space for neuro divergent children and their families. A non-judgmental environment where you can be your true authentic self. Managed by volunteers we offer specialist support - Speech and Language therapy, Music Therapy, Pet therapy, and opportunities for children up to 9 years old to socialise with their neurokin whilst empowering them to embrace their identity, we also offer opportunities for semi structured play, arts and crafts and sensory messy play. We are looking for people to help us take Early Intervention to the next stage. People who can help us to sharpen the governance of the organisation to make us into the kind of organisation we aspire to be. Although experience of committee work is desirable, full training will be offered to interested suitable candidates.

Find out more at <https://bit.ly/early-intervention-committee>



Treasurer

Friends of Orchard Brae



We are a local charity in Aberdeen (Registered Charity SC049024). We raise vital funds for Orchard Brae school which is a school for children with multiple and complex additional support needs. We are seeking a treasurer, a valuable part of the committee which is made up purely of volunteers. This is a great opportunity to enhance the education of children with disabilities. All help makes a real difference and is greatly appreciated. Based in Aberdeen, we meet once a term (usually 4/5 times a year). Meetings are held at the school or online

Find out more at <https://bit.ly/friends-of-orchard-brae>



Directors & Supervisory Committee Members

Grampian Credit Union Ltd



Your Credit Union needs you - help shape the future of Grampian Credit Union! We have vacancies for Non-Executive Directors, and members of our Supervisory Committee. Volunteering with us in these roles is rewarding and offers the satisfaction of knowing you are helping our Credit Union to grow, develop, and maintain a successful organisation for the common good. Moreover, you will develop and or hone transferable skills.

Find out more at <https://bit.ly/gcu-directors>



Volunteer Treasurer

Grampian 50+ Network



Grampian 50+ Network is a registered Scottish Charity for Older People's Walking Groups which operates across Grampian. With 44 groups in membership and almost 1000 members from Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire & Moray, the Network offers training, events and produces a regular newsletter.

We now require a Treasurer to work with the committee and deal with a range of duties. The volunteering involved is not an every day duty, more to suit our events that we run several times each year along with paying accounts, volunteer expenses etc. The treasurer will be a trustee and attend Committee Meetings approx 6 times each year as well as attending our events.

Find out more at <https://bit.ly/g-50-treasurer>



Volunteer Trustees

Grampian Women's Aid



Grampian Women's Aid (GWA) is recruiting Trustees to join our Board. GWA is a charity based in Aberdeen, with over 45 years' experience providing information, support and safe accommodation for women and children experiencing domestic abuse across Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire.

The role of Trustee is a unique voluntary opportunity for women from diverse backgrounds who have expertise, time and are committed to making a real difference to the lives of women and children who have experienced domestic abuse. As a member of GWA Board, you will play a key role in the strategy of GWA and overseeing its governance to ensure it can continue to provide high quality services to women, children and young people across Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire.

Find out more at <https://bit.ly/gwa-trustees>



HALLA Board Secretary /Administrator

HALLA - Harlaw Area Lifelong Learning Association



Volunteer Secretary/Administrator we need you, with you inspiration and motivation to serve as a board member on the Management Board of HALLA (Harlaw Area Lifelong Learning Association). We are a Board of people who run daytime and evening classes at Kaimhill Learning Centre, (Garthdee). You should be passionate, enthusiastic and have a keen interest in community matters.

A secretary / administrator volunteer requires specific skills such office procedure, basic accounting and IT skills (excel, word) but enthusiasm and interest in the community are equally important. You need to attend our monthly Board meetings for taking notes, minutes and prepare all the documentation and email the Board members.

Find out more at <https://bit.ly/halla-secretary>



Board Membership

Jazz Scotland



Jazz Scotland promotes, supports, develops and champions jazz and related musics in Scotland. Jazz Scotland is a registered charity. Jazz Scotland are currently inviting applications for new board members who are passionate about enabling Jazz Scotland's community of audiences, students and musicians to thrive.

Although some skills and experience are of particular interest, such as **education, community engagement, finance, marketing and fundraising**, we are open to applications from individuals who can contribute to the future of our charity organisation and its good governance, and we are open to hearing from anyone who is interested.

Find out more at <https://bit.ly/jazz-scot-board>



Trustee

Miscarriage Information Support Service (MISS) SCIO



MISS (Miscarriage Information Support Service) is a registered charity. We are a miscarriage support service covering all of Scotland for anyone who has experienced baby loss.

We are looking to recruit trustees to the MISS board who have a mix of skills and experience to bring to our existing board. This is to enhance our current board and any background is welcome including **retail, HR or IT**.

Board meetings are held on a bi-monthly basis and virtually, therefore there is no preference to location or where you are based. All help makes a real difference and is greatly appreciated.

Find out more at <https://bit.ly/miss-trustee>



Trustee

Music4u



The Board of Trustees are responsible for the overall governance and strategic direction of the charity, developing the charity's aims, objectives and goals in accordance with the governing document, legal and regulatory guidelines.

While all Trustees always retain their responsibility for the Charity as a whole, some will be chosen for their specific expertise in particular areas and will support and advise the Board on that area of expertise.

Trustees are expected to contribute around 10 hours per month to the charity and to attend 6 Board Meetings per annum. A minimum commitment of 12 months is requested. Trustees are expected to attend a minimum of 2 Workshops, 2 Performances and 2 Fundraising Events per annum.

Find out more at <https://bit.ly/music4u-trustee>



Branch Secretary

National Childbirth Trust (NCT - Aberdeen City and Shire)



Join our branch team in a 'volunteering from home' role, all done around your own life. It will probably take a couple of hours a week, checking the branch email account, replying to any enquires.

A great way to support local parents and carers. NCT Aberdeen City and Shire are a local branch of a national charity, we provide support to parents in the first 1000 days. Our groups and support are open to all.

Find out more at <https://bit.ly/nct-secretary>



Board Secretary

North East Rider Volunteers Scotland



North East Rider Volunteers Scotland SCIO are recruiting for a Board Secretary.

NERVS was formed with the objective of providing a free transportation service to the Health Service. In time it has progressed to also helping other charities with their transportation needs.

Skills Preferred: Management experience; Experience of chairing meetings; Effective communication skills, both written and verbal; PC literate (MS-Word)

Find out more at <https://bit.ly/nervs-secretary>



Research Ethics Committee Members

North of Scotland Research Ethics Service



Research Ethics Committees consist of up to 18 members from both clinical and non-clinical backgrounds. Our committees review health and social research, check that people are provided with the information they need to help them decide whether they wish to take part, and provide an opinion as to whether the research is ethical.

We currently have vacancies for members of the public who are not currently healthcare professionals, and who are interested in thinking about issues from the perspective of a potential research participant and would like to develop knowledge of research ethics. Members receive training in ethical review and have opportunities to debate challenging issues. Positions are voluntary but expenses are paid for.

Find out more at <https://bit.ly/nsres-committee>



Chairperson

Parkinsons UK (Aberdeen)



Parkinson's UK Aberdeen Branch are looking for a person interested in becoming the Chairperson. The role is to oversee the meetings and to be aware of the issues that can affect the smooth running of the various therapy sessions that exist to help and support people with Parkinson's Disease. The chairperson for the most part introduces the speakers at the monthly social event (these last no more than two hours).

The Aberdeen Branch has organised several different therapy sessions, including physiotherapy; alternative therapies such as reflexology and facial massage; dancing for Parkinson's; a very popular singing group; a carers' group; and a Young People's group. Efforts are also being made to re-institute sessions of hydrotherapy in an alternative location. Finally, there is a monthly social event with talks by invited speakers, and occasional lunch events too.

Find out more at <https://bit.ly/parkinsons-chair>



Committee Members/Directors

Seabank House

The Seabank House charity operates 2 care homes in Aberdeen City, each providing support for vulnerable adults with mental health problems. The main aim of the charity are to assist and support residents to live full and meaningful lives and to maximise their potential. As well as providing rooms, meals and communal areas, we also offer a range of different types of support depending on each individuals' needs. This includes areas such as preparing or attending appointments, domestic tasks, medication compliance, organising personal finances/benefits and social therapy.

The Board are seeking to secure additional voluntary unpaid committee members to help oversee management of the charity. Applications from those who have worked or advised in **business management, mental health** or **social care sectors, education and local authorities** are especially welcome.

Find out more at <https://bit.ly/seabank-committee>



Trustee Director

Sport Aberdeen



The main thing that we ask for is your time! This will be a combination of attending meetings (mostly in person) and events, along with some reading of reports and documents all of which revolve around providing oversight and governance of the company and its activities.

It adds up to a few days per month with most of the business conducted at our company HQ in the Bridge of Don. There are board meetings once a quarter then a variety of sub-committees that meet 3-4 times a year. The expectation is that you will be a member of at least one of the sub-committees which should align to your area of interest and/or expertise.

Find out more at <https://bit.ly/sport-aberdeen-chair>



Trustees

Sunrise Partnership



Sunrise Partnership is a small local charity established in 2014. We provide free, therapeutic confidential support for children and young people up to the age of 18 experiencing loss and bereavement. We work in Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire.

We are looking for new Trustees to join us at an exciting time in our history and help us create a resilient model for the future, so that we can support even more young people. A fantastic opportunity to help and make a real difference.

Find out more at <https://bit.ly/sunrise-trustees>



Committee Members

Talkable



Talkable offers a talkline to anyone affected by panic or anxiety. We are looking for committee members to help run the organisation as we continue to grow and provide ever more vital support to people.

Talkable is a not for profit that is hoping to delve into the charity sector so any charity knowledge would be an advantage. We are in the mental health sector so any mental health knowledge would also be an advantage. We meet every fortnight over Microsoft Teams and the meeting usually lasts an hour.

We are looking for standard **Committee Members, a Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer.**

Find out more at <https://bit.ly/talkable-committee>



Board Trustees

VSA



VSA is looking for Trustees to join its Board. This is an exciting opportunity to contribute to a historic charity with a formidable reputation and to help the Board build a long-term plan. VSA has over 150 years' experience of delivering social care in Aberdeen, to vulnerable people, adults and older people with learning difficulties and mental health needs. We have grown to be a major employer with an accredited Skills Qualification Centre. VSA has a strong corporate and community volunteering tradition.

We particularly want to hear from people with a medical background, or current skills in the following: **charity & company law, complex learning & behavioural education/social care and environmental/social governance.**

Find out more at <https://bit.ly/vsa-trustee>



Volunteer Trustees

Zero Waste Aberdeen



We are a young democratically run organisation that needs to grow. At the moment we are a small group working at projects that reduce waste and we intend that Aberdeen and Shire become zero waste areas. That is, that everything we use becomes part of a circular economy and is not discarded needlessly to be tipped or burned.

Our next step then, is for more 'Trustees' to join with us to take on an officer of the board role, or to become an ordinary member and help steer the way forward to a successful reduction of waste to zero.

Find out more at <https://bit.ly/zero-waste-trustee>



Keep up to date with the latest volunteer opportunities in the city at
volunteeraberndeen.org.uk & acvo.org.uk/volunteer

About ACVO - Aberdeen's Third Sector Interface

ACVO (Aberdeen Council of Voluntary Organisations) is the Third Sector Interface (TSI) for Aberdeen.

We have over 20 years' experience working in the city as the central hub of knowledge relating to the local third sector which is made up of **community groups, voluntary organisations, faith and equalities groups, charities, social enterprises, co-operatives, community interest companies, mutuals, housing associations and self-help groups.**

Through our various strains of work we actively facilitate, support and promote volunteering; enable charitable organisations to develop and thrive through governance and funding support; represent the voice of Aberdeen's third sector at a local and national level; play a strategic role in third sector involvement with community planning, health and social care integration and in responding to local needs and outcomes; build capacity and provide platforms to celebrate and highlight achievements.

The work we do is reflected in our organisational values which are central to our decision-making processes and are incorporated into everything we do, namely:

- **We put the Third Sector first**
- **We empower communities**
- **We act on lived experience**
- **We demand equality**
- **We stand up for those who need help most**

Through our various strands of work, we actively support and promote the work of Aberdeen's Third Sector. Our Statement of Values runs through everything we do - [read it here](#).

find out more about the work we do at

acvo.org.uk