

# Shared Space

transforming lives through volunteering

## ***NEW TRUSTEES***

Are you a Christian who wants to volunteer your experience to help transform lives? This successful social enterprise in Essex would love to have you join our team!

Shared Space provides life-changing volunteering opportunities in a retail social enterprise. Our aim is to support the transformation of our volunteers, their opportunities, their lives and their neighbourhoods. Our core operation is self-financing through our growing network of charity shops, helping us to be a pathfinder in new models of Christian social action in partnership with local churches. We have a committed team of 80+ volunteers coming from a diverse range of backgrounds – of all faiths and none. A key distinctive of Shared Space is our Boost grants programme, which is led by our volunteers.

We now seek some additional Trustees to join our board, as this successful enterprise prepares for further growth. You will bring your experience, preferably from a business, retail or charity setting, and a desire to join a creative and energetic team of trustees, staff and volunteers as we continue to grow.

Everything we do flows from our Christian faith: our new trustees will be those who most closely match our values (attached).

A brief role description is below. Application is by CV and covering letter to [ivan@charityshop.co](mailto:ivan@charityshop.co) setting out how your skills and experience would add value to the work of Shared Space. For an information conversation please contact our lead trustee on governance, Ivan King, on 07986 803420.

## TRUSTEE - ROLE DESCRIPTION

Location	Shared Space currently operates 3 retail and training centres within a 5-mile radius of Southend on Sea in south-east Essex. Trustees can be based anywhere but will need to commit to face-to-face meetings in the Southend area and regular contact through electronic media.
Time commitment:	6 2-hour Board meetings per year and occasional team meetings, arranged to suit trustees' diaries.
Remuneration	Trustees are not remunerated, although expenses for travel and essential out-of-pocket expenses will be reimbursed.

Everything we do flows from our Christian faith and the board has determined that there is a genuine occupational requirement that all Trustees should be practising Christians, in good standing with a Christian church and able to affirm our values (see below)

### **Principal responsibilities:**

1. Working with other trustees, staff and volunteers to help Shared Space deliver on our mission and values.
2. Serving as a member of the board, to be jointly responsible for the overall governance and strategic direction of the charity, its financial health, the probity of its activities and developing the organisation's aims, objectives and goals in accordance with the governing document and legal requirements.
3. Taking a lead in one or more area of expertise within the board, as well as helping to shape relevant policies and procedures.
4. Serving occasionally on employment-related panels (appointments; appraisals, etc).

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## *Our Values*

Shared Space CIO is committed to equality of opportunity and to being fully inclusive. We welcome volunteers of all faiths and none and we have a great track-record of building community among people who would naturally have no immediate shared point of contact.

We do have some core values which reflect the motivation for our work and we ask in particular that all members of the Trustee board should be able to affirm these values and demonstrate that they live them out in everyday life.

- **We value Jesus at the centre**
- **We value building community**
- **We value all people and are open and welcoming to all, including members of the LGBTQ+ community.**
- **We value living life to the full**

*This role description last revised 13 February 2020*