

TRUSTEE ROLE - JIGSAW TRUST

JIGSAW IS ACTIVELY SEEKING A TRUSTEE TO JOIN THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

ABOUT JIGSAW TRUST

Jigsaw Trust aims to improve the lives of autistic children and adults through the provision of high quality, accessible, educational, vocational and wellbeing services.

A registered charity established in 1999, the Jigsaw Trust opened **Jigsaw School** in the same year and now has provision for 80 pupils aged between 4 and 19 years old. Rated as '**Outstanding**' by Ofsted in 2010, 2013, 2016, 2019 and 2023, the school has one of the country's leading experts in CABAS® as its Director of Education.

In 2012, **JigsawPlus** was established providing a specialist day provision for adults. Its Centre for Lifelong Learning was officially opened in April 2013 and in 2018, following a capital fundraising campaign, it moved into a purpose built facility on Dunsfold Park.

In 2013 the Trust opened its first social enterprise **Café on the Park** providing adults and young people with a variety of work experience and volunteering opportunities tailored to their individual abilities and tolerances. This was followed by the setting up of **Jigsaw GARDENworks** a horticultural enterprise enabling learners of all ages to embark on a range of gardening and outdoor activities.

WHY BECOME A TRUSTEE FOR JIGSAW?

The role of the Trustee is essential to the strategic development of the charity. This non-executive position is a great opportunity for you to give back to the community, whilst simultaneously broadening your own knowledge. You will be working with a wide range of people who bring experiences across a variety of industry sectors and backgrounds, all working toward improving the lives of those with an autism diagnosis. The feel-good factor of this type of teamwork is not to be underestimated.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

The ideal candidate for our Trustee Board will be a self-motivated, proactive person with a desire to assist in pushing forward the vision of Jigsaw Trust and embody Jigsaw's values. Ideally, you will bring experience and skills in the areas:

- An understanding of the charity sector and a strong commitment to its principles
- Excellent communicator who is comfortable working with people of all levels and backgrounds
- Knowledge of autism would be an advantage

DUTIES

As a member of the Board of Trustees your duties will include:

- Being an active member of the Trustee Board in executing its responsibilities and functions
- Attending quarterly meetings of Trustees
- Pairing with another Trustee to create a 'monitoring pair' in an area of interest eg. social enterprises, IT

APPLICATION PROCESS

To discuss this opportunity in more detail or for further information please contact Naomi by emailing clerk@jigsawtrust.co.uk

**WE ARE COMMITTED TO SAFEGUARDING AND PROMOTING THE WELFARE OF CHILDREN,
YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULTS AT RISK.
WE EXPECT ALL STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS TO SHARE THIS COMMITMENT.**

Caring • Person-Centred • Continuous Learning • Integrity • Teamwork