Fundraising Trustee

We are looking for a Fundraising Trustee to join our Trustee Board

We are looking for a fundraising trustee to take the lead role in shaping our fundraising strategy, to support the board in helping to ensure the charity's sustainability and to advise and guide our development manager (who has fundraising responsibilities).

The board is collectively responsible for the overall governance and strategic direction of Communigrow and for developing its aims and objectives in line with the governing document, mission and values as well as all legal and regulatory requirements.

Experience of the charity sector is preferable but a previous role as a trustee is not essential.

What We Do

Communigrow is a food education charity based in Kent. We teach people how to grow food using sustainable methods using the therapeutic benefits of gardening to bring about positive change to physical and mental wellbeing. We offer educational opportunities and outdoor activities for all adults and children and provide the inspiration that encourages and promotes learning, personal development and achievement for those with special educational needs. Our aim is to teach and to engage the whole community, respond to social disadvantage and promote health and wellbeing.

Communigrow is a national award winning charity and we have ambitious plans to build on our successes over the next five years. This is an opportunity to support an exciting and innovative charity and work with a dynamic and supportive trustee board.

Over recent years, Communigrow has achieved impressive successes and has increased income, services and activities and its beneficiary and volunteer numbers.

All trustees are expected to have:

- A commitment to the charity's objectives, strategic vision with good, independent
- judgement and an ability to think creatively and contribute to high level planning and risk assessment.
- Strategic leadership and strong governance skills, helping to ensure the financial stability and sustainability of the charity whilst developing its aims and objectives in accordance with its stated charitable objects.
- An understanding and acceptance of the legal duties and responsibilities of a trustee in the charity sector.
- Excellent networking, influencing and communication skills.
- An understanding of the challenges facing small to medium UK charities in maximising income streams and donor giving.
- An ability to work collaboratively with diverse stakeholders

Role Summary

Main responsibilities of Fundraising Trustee are to:

- Contribute to the development and oversight of the charity's fundraising strategy.
- Provide guidance and insight on fundraising trends, opportunities and risks.
- Advise on the diverse fundraising practices, including statutory funds, grants, corporate and philanthropic giving.
- Monitor the effectiveness and compliance of fundraising activities.
- Work with the board to evaluate fundraising risks and ensure appropriate controls are in place.
- Bring knowledge of the Fundraising Regulator's Code of Practice.
- Have budgeting expertise.

Time Commitment

Attendance at six trustee board meetings per year including the AGM; as well as attendance at our annual away day. Meetings are focused, friendly and collaborative and are a mix of online and in person. Additionally, a commitment to attend relevant management meetings, respond to emails and review documents.

What difference will you make?

Communigrow has seen tremendous and continued growth since it became a charity in 2014. The team of staff and board of trustees are incredibly dedicated hard-working people determined to deliver the best they can. Demand for our service is increasing and we predict that this need will only increase further.

The Fundraising Trustee is an important role which helps shape the future of the charity and ensure its sustainability for the future.

What's In It for you?

As part of our board, you will support and shape our work and strategic direction as well as help us to achieve our objectives. The trustee role will give you the opportunity to:

- Make a positive impact on our beneficiaries, many of whom are the young, the vulnerable and disadvantaged.
- Play a vital part in the strategic leadership and strong governance of the charity, helping us to formulate our vision for the future.
- Apply your skills and experience in a volunteering role within the charity sector and build on those skills and experience.
- Meet a diverse range of people and build relationships with trustees, staff and volunteers.
- Develop leadership and strategy skills.

Terms of Appointment

Appointment to the trustee board is for a term of three years. After this period, a trustee can stand for re-election.

The appointment is subject to due diligence checks and references and to completion of an enhanced DBS check.

How to apply

A CV and covering letter in support of your application will be required. Please reply to Reach in the first instance.

The closing date for applications is 31/01/2027.