

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A CHARITY TRUSTEE

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Why did you decide to join a charity board?

Becoming a member of a charity board is a great opportunity for me to contribute to a cause I care about and make a positive impact. I see those who choose to serve on boards as a special group of people who are actively involved and committed to making a difference to the community and I am eager to work with such a dedicated team.

What are your typical tasks and duties on the board?

Typical tasks and duties on a charity board may include setting the organisation's strategic direction, overseeing financial management, participating in fundraising efforts, and ensuring the charity is fulfilling its mission effectively and ethically. As a member of the Friends of the Elderly Board, I understand the pivotal role we play in ensuring the success and longevity of the organisation. More than just attending meetings, a well-functioning board is deeply involved in shaping the organisation's strategy, overseeing financial health, and ensuring legal compliance.

What has challenged you in your trustee role?

As a charity trustee, one of the key challenges is the responsibility of overseeing the organisation's strategic direction and ensuring its mission is effectively carried out. Balancing the need to make impactful decisions while also managing limited resources can be challenging. Overall, the role of a charity trustee demands dedication, time commitment, and the ability to adapt to dynamic situations while keeping the organisation's best interests at heart.

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What has been the biggest reward or benefit in becoming a trustee?

The biggest reward of becoming a trustee has been the sense of fulfilment and impact that I have experienced through my role. Being able to contribute to a cause that I care about and witnessing the positive change that the organisation brings to the community has been very rewarding.

What would you say to someone thinking about joining a charity board?

If someone is considering joining a charity board, I would encourage them to take the leap and embrace this opportunity wholeheartedly. Serving on a charity board allows you to make a meaningful impact on a cause you care about, gain valuable leadership experience, and expand your network of like-minded individuals. It provides a platform to contribute your unique skills, expertise, and insights to drive positive change in the community and I would highly recommend it to anyone considering taking on this role.