



Speaking Out Forum is looking for new Trustees to join its Board.

Speaking Out Forum is a small charity whose vision is a society where individuals have an equal voice, are able to speak out and be heard, thereby enabling them to make a contribution to society and to advocate for themselves and their peers.

Our aim is to empower young people to speak in public by developing their speaking and self-advocacy skills, building self-confidence, while promoting wellbeing and enriching their daily lives. To achieve this, we provide a public speaking programme, designed and led by professionals passionate about what they do, from backgrounds across the education and charity sectors and with skills and experience gained from working in supportive learning environments.

We work primarily with young people with SEND, autism and those facing challenges in society, including experiencing stigma, discrimination and marginalisation.

Role and Responsibilities

As a Trustee, you will be expected to:

- Provide strategic direction and oversight
- Ensure the organisation is well-managed and financially sustainable
- Advocate for our mission and values
- Collaborate with fellow trustees, from time to time, on key work
- Attend quarterly board meetings

What We Are Looking For

The ideal candidate will have:

- A strong commitment to our mission
- Effective leadership and communication skills
- The commitment to contribute to projects and work streams, share their expertise and support the delivery of the charity's strategy and plan
- A passion and enthusiasm for our work



Our current Board of Trustees have expertise in the areas of charity operations, education and learning development, psychology and working with young people with SEND, autism and deafness.

We are looking to complement our skills and the Board's experience with fresh perspectives and in particular would welcome enquiries from individuals with experience gained working in:

- Finance - including Treasurer roles
- Education
- Business development
- Charity Partnerships

We are committed to increasing the diversity of our Board and strongly encourage applications from individuals of all backgrounds, communities and lived experiences.

Why Join Us?

By becoming a Trustee of the charity, you will:

- Make a meaningful impact through the work of the charity
- Work with a dedicated and passionate team
- Gain valuable experience in charity governance and leadership
- Have the opportunity to build connections with professionals in your field
- Help set the strategic direction and progress of the charity.

This is a vital role, helping ensure we can continue to deliver our services and support a broad range of young people in the Greater Manchester community and further afield.

Questions?

If you have questions about this role, please contact
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