

## Charity Trustees

**Hunts Community Cancer Network (HCCN) is seeking to recruit new Trustees to join our Board of Trustees, to complement the skills and experience of our existing trustees and influence the strategic direction of the charity.**

HCCN provides a programme of free activities that support anyone over 18, living across Huntingdonshire, recovering from or living with a cancer diagnosis or is a carer of someone with a diagnosis. We are your local cancer charity, with big ambitions.

HCCN's board of trustees are the people responsible for providing leadership and direction of the charity. The day to day running of HCCN is delegated to our Programme Delivery Manager and our Fundraising and Communications Manager, supported by around 30 volunteers. It is helpful if the Trustees, like our delivery team and our volunteers, have a close connection with cancer.

## What we're looking for

We believe that the best way to help people get their lives back on track after cancer is to equip them with the skills they need in order to play a full part in managing their health now and into the future. Sometimes that means helping people develop new habits, perhaps around exercise or diet but it also means supporting people whilst they manage their emotional responses to their illness and get back on track to rebuild their lives positively.

As your local cancer charity, we are at a challenging phase in our development, looking to raise awareness of the support we offer to people with cancer across Huntingdonshire, yet needing to increase income to expand our activities and volunteers.

If you have knowledge, experience, and skills to support HCCN, please apply to be one of our Trustees. An understanding and acceptance of the legal duties, responsibilities and liabilities of trusteeship is desirable.

You will be skilled in influencing, negotiating and networking and must act with prudence and integrity. You must be committed to our aims and be able to be actively involved and contribute your skills to their delivery.

We are looking for people from a diverse range of backgrounds and experiences to help us deliver our vision and our commitment to inclusion. We welcome applications from a wide range of backgrounds and recognise the value of diversity of talents and perspectives in the successful leadership of the organisation.

All applications are assessed by our Chair and one other Trustee to find individuals with the right skills and experience to complement those of current Trustees. Individuals invited to become Trustees will be co-opted to the Board prior to being nominated for election at the next AGM.

## What's in it for you?

- **Becoming a Trustee could boost your career**

Trustees are exposed to a wide range of skills needed to oversee a charity: strategy and business planning, governance, HR, budgeting, marketing, fundraising, and more. It can be an effective way to build your skills, your network and your CV.

- **Become a Trustee and give back to your community**

As a Trustee, you can donate your skills, time and attention to a cause you have an affinity with. Trustees are often drawn to a charity because they're passionate about a particular cause, whether that's something they're interested in or something they've experienced themselves.

- **Become a Trustee and share your skills, knowledge and experience**

We are particularly looking for trustees with fundraising, marketing/PR (inc. social media), legal or people management skills – but everyone has something unique to offer a charity.

## Before you apply

The Board of Trustees meets a minimum of four times per year on Fridays, with additional meetings as necessary. HCCN has 3 paid contractors to manage day to day operations, so **being a Trustee for HCCN is a very hands-on role**. As a Trustee, you will be expected to contribute actively both in your area of expertise but to also get involved across the whole range of charitable activities.

The Trustee role is voluntary and unpaid, although legitimate expenses are reimbursed, and represents an exciting opportunity to make a significant contribution to one of the region's leading cancer charities. Trustees are required to become a member of the Charity.

### Diversity and equal opportunities

Diversity and inclusion are extremely important to us and we are committed to creating an environment where people from all backgrounds feel welcome, listened to, and valued.

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## About HCCN

HCCN is a registered charity - Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) - whose mission is to enhance the quality of life of adults living with cancer in Huntingdonshire by:

- Providing (no cost) regular, evidence-based activities to promote healthy eating, exercise, physical and mental wellbeing
- Actively supporting the HCCN nursing team
- Collaborating in partnership with other providers across the Hunts area
- Providing information and educational activities to promote living well with cancer