



BUCKS CHARITY NEWS

Weekly bulletin from Community Impact Bucks

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Monday sees the start of the Trustees' Week (1-5 November 2021), giving voluntary groups in the county a chance to showcase the great work that their trustees do and highlight opportunities for people from all walks of life to get involved and make a difference.

This week's Bucks Charity News looks at how organisations can take part in the week, the resources and advice on offer for current trustees, as well as gives us the opportunity to say a *huge thank you* to all the trustees who play a vital role in supporting Buckinghamshire's charities.

TRUSTEES' WEEK 2021



How to get involved

There are lots of ways your organisation can get involved in Trustees' Week 2021. Here are a few ideas on how to join in with this national awareness week:

- **Boost your trustee recruitment:** if you are looking for new people to join your board, use the week to advertise your vacancy to a wider audience. Use #TrusteesWeek and maybe tag someone who you think would be good on your board.
- **Get into the local press:** perhaps you have a campaign or fundraising push you would like to promote? Highlight the amazing work your trustees do and get the spotlight on a campaign at the same time.
- **Sign-up for events:** whether it is a webinar on how to make sure a board is financially competent, the role of governance during lockdown or how to secure a diverse board, have a look at the [range of events](#) tailored for trustees which are running during the week.
- **Refresh your knowledge:** check out the [guidance and advice](#) on the Trustees' Week website and on our [Governance webpages](#).
- **Say thank you to your board volunteers:** this could be a personal thank you to your trustees, or a public celebration of their achievements and what they do for your organisation. Use #ThankATrustee.

RESOURCES FOR TRUSTEES



Free access to NCVO governance tools & resources during Trustees' Week

NCVO is dropping its members' login requirements during Trustees' Week (1-5 Nov) so that all trustees can access its [board basics section](#) which contains [sample documents and templates for trustee boards](#) and [tools and guidance](#) for trustee boards. If you are interested in becoming a member, have a look at the [NCVO membership](#) and its fee structure (it's free for community organisations with an income of less than £30K).

Tailored support from the Community Impact Bucks team

If you would like tailored advice on any aspect of running your organisation – from governance to recruiting board volunteers – submit our short [request form](#) and one of the team will get back to you. We will also be launching a new online tool on 1st November which will help charity leaders identify areas of development and ensure their organisation is operating as effectively – a link to the tool will be in next week's Bucks Charity News.

Recruiting new trustees to your board

"For an organisation to be able to quickly adapt to change, the diversity and inclusive working of the Board is indispensable as it prevents group-think. The diversity of knowledge enables deeper conversations and allows for a broader range of thoughts and ideas to be expressed. This leads to better decision-making and therefore reduces risks and increases organisational resilience."

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A diverse range of individuals can make a board or committee stronger and more effective. You can find practical guidance on how to build a diverse charity board or management committee on our [Board Diversity](#) webpage, including Getting on Board's [7 steps to take straight away](#).

If you are recruiting trustees for the first time or replacing someone who has left, you could review how and where you advertise the role – perhaps approach student unions in local colleges, look for trustees beyond trustees' contacts (71% of trustees are recruited through an informal process), and provide details that might remove barriers for example, make it clear that trustees can claim reasonable expenses. Visit our [Developing and Advertising Trustee Roles](#) webpage for more information.

Essential reads for new trustees

Have you recently become a trustee or has your board recently taken on new trustees? Have a look at our [5 key reads for new trustees](#) including the charity trustee welcome pack from the Charity Commission.

Building a board with the right skillset

A charity's leaders, and therefore its trustees and senior managers, are key to its success. Most management committees operate with at least a chair, secretary, and treasurer but you will need enough trustees with the right skills to ensure that you can run your organisation effectively. Have a look at the resources and tools for trustees – including the NCVO trustee skills audit tool – on our [Leadership](#) webpage.

Do you know the latest governance advice

Trustees make sure their charities are operating within relevant laws and regulations. Check that you are up-to-date with the latest guidance by looking at our [Governance](#) resources, including information on board responsibilities and legal duties of trustees.

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