

The Sheffield Cats Shelter – Trustee / Director Openings

About the Sheffield Cats Shelter

The Sheffield Cats Shelter has been providing care to cats and kittens within the Sheffield city region for over 120 years. Established in 1897, it is one of the oldest charities in the city, and one of the oldest animal welfare charities in the country. The charity has continued to operate for the past century thanks to the support of generous local people – and that extends our Board of Trustees, who offer their skills and time on a voluntary basis to support the charity's continuation and long-term goals. Everyone on our board brings different experience and skills to the charity and we are currently looking to expand this team further with new Trustees.

Who are we looking for?

You don't have to have experience in the charitable sector to apply for a Trustee / Director position. You simply need to have an interest in the type of work that we carry out, be willing to give up a small amount of your time to participate in board activities and be able to consider the risks and opportunities that the charity faces, helping to make strategic decisions and keep the charity moving forward.

What skillsets would be most valuable?

We are open to hearing from anyone with an interest in the Trustee / Director role, however the ideal applicants will have experience of a professional working background, will be a competent user of general IT software, will be effective communicators and team players, whilst also being able to demonstrate leadership skills and passion for positive change.

We would be particularly interested to hear from applicants who have experience in:

- HR / Line Management
- IT / Data Security
- Finance / Accounting

If you are not sure if your skillset would be a right fit for the charity, please feel free to contact us and we will be happy to discuss the many ways in which we could put your experience to use.

What are the Trustees responsible for?

The Trustees are ultimately responsible for overseeing the governance and strategic development of the charity. This includes our rehoming shelter in the heart of Sheffield, where all cats live under the expert care of our staff and volunteers, until they are matched with their forever homes. We also operate a short-term and long-term fostering system, which helps provide stable, loving environments for cats to enjoy. As well as the Shelter itself, the charity also has two charity shops (Ecclesall Road and Hillsborough Barracks), with a third due to open shortly.

The Trustees work closely with our highly skilled and dedicated Management Team, who oversee the day-to-day operations and smooth running of these facilities and are also aided by a hard-working team of staff as well as generous volunteers who are passionate about the high level of care and the fantastic service our charity provides.

How to apply?

If you are interested in joining our Board of Trustees, please complete the attached application form and return it to our Chair: Rachel.Howell@thesheffieldcatsshelter.org.uk