

London Plus Trustee Role description

[London Plus](#) is a unique organisation. We support and champion London's charities and community groups to make London thriving, cohesive, and resilient.

Londoners are facing significant challenges, including the ongoing cost-of-living crisis, and statutory services are often unable to meet the needs of the most disadvantaged groups. This has put huge pressures on charities and community groups. London Plus exists to ensure that charities are supported and recognised, and are able to meet the opportunities and challenges of the future.

Ultimately, London Plus helps the voluntary and community sector in London do more, and do better; using networks, connections, data and communications.

Set up in its current form in 2019, London Plus has successfully established itself as a key part of London's voluntary and community sector infrastructure - connecting London's charities, communities, policymakers, funders, and businesses.

We are looking for up to four new Trustees to join our diverse and talented Board of Trustees and this is an opportunity to play a key strategic role in London's future.

It is an exciting time to join the Board: London Plus has a new CEO and a number of exciting projects underway including the [London Communities Emergencies Partnership](#) (LCEP), which coordinates the emergency response of the voluntary and community sector across London.

London Plus is a trusted partner of organisations across all London's 32 boroughs, as well as key London-level organisations including the Greater London Authority and London Councils. We are looking to the future and planning to grow our strategic impact and effectiveness on behalf of the sector.

London Plus has an annual budget of around £700,000, and staff team of seven. Our Board of Trustees meets four times a year, and some Trustees take on particular roles in supporting different organisational functions (e.g. finance, strategy), with sub-committees convened as necessary.

All Trustees have duties which include:

- Holding the charity "In Trust" for current and future beneficiaries
- Ensuring that the charity has a clear vision, mission and strategic direction and is focused on achieving these
- Setting and monitoring budgets to ensure that the organisation is using its resources effectively to meet its objectives and achieve its purpose
- Ensuring that London Plus complies with its governing documents, charity law, company law and any other relevant legislation/regulation
- Approval and monitoring of organisational policies
- Ensuring that the charity's governance is of the highest possible standard

Person specification

We believe that a diverse Board leads to better results and actively welcome applications from candidates reflecting the diversity of London's communities. London Plus is open to applications from people with no previous experience on charity boards. Enthusiasm for the work of London Plus and a willingness to play an active role as Trustee are more important.

Trustees need to have the following skills and qualities

- A commitment to the organisation and a willingness to devote the necessary time and effort to fulfil the responsibilities of a Trustee, including attendance at meetings
- Willingness to be available to staff for advice and enquiries on an ad hoc basis
- Good, independent judgement and strategic vision
- An understanding and acceptance of the legal duties, responsibilities and liabilities of trusteeship
- A commitment to promoting equality and diversity
- An understanding of the challenges that London and the voluntary and community sector are facing

Given the experience and expertise of our current Trustees, the following are desirable (but not essential) skills and qualities for new Trustees:

- Experience and networks in grassroots and community organisations
- Professional expertise and experience in finance and fundraising, human resources or communications

Apply today

To apply, please submit a CV and a short covering statement (no more than one page) to info@londonplus.org by 24th March 2025.

If you would like to have a conversation about the role, with either the Chair or CEO, please email info@londonplus.org and we can arrange this.