

**Start date:** November 2024

**Location:** Home based with attendance at 2-3 meetings in London per year

**Closing date for applications:** 5pm, Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> September 2024

**Shortlisting:** September 2024

**Interviews:** November 2024

**We are seeking to appoint a trustee who will help shape the strategic direction of the Trust and make decisions on allocating grants to small charities that are working to improve the lives of disadvantaged people.**

You will be part of a small team of trustees and will help distribute effectively the Trust's limited resources to small charities operating in England and Wales. From time to time you will be requested to undertake assessment and/or monitoring visits independently or with the Trust Secretary to help increase your understanding of the work we support.

We welcome applications from a range of backgrounds and skills, particularly experience of governance or of working (or volunteering) within one or more of our priority areas:

- Elderly people
- Children and young people aged 5 – 25
- People with physical impairments, learning difficulties or mental health challenges
- Social welfare – people trying to overcome life-limiting problems of a social, rather than medical, origin (such as addiction, relationship difficulties, abuse, offending)
- Education and learning (with a particular interest in people who are educationally disadvantaged, whether adults or children)

Many grant making trusts only offer project and/or capital funding. The Yapp Charitable Trust only makes grants towards core funding, which small charities are finding increasingly difficult to secure. Our funds are limited however, and we have to define eligibility and funding priorities. You will help determine our grant making strategy and where our funds are directed so that we continue making a difference to small charities by sustaining their vital work

Existing trustees are located in Wales, London, the West Midlands and the North West of England. We are keen to have representation on the Board from other regions of England. To ensure that our work continues to reflect the range of charities that we support through our grant making, we wish to strengthen and diversify our Board and extend representation within the Trust. We welcome applications from anyone regardless of their age, disability, ethnicity, heritage, sexuality, gender identity, and socio-economic background but are particularly encouraging young people, individuals from ethnic minority backgrounds, people with disabilities and those from the LGBTQIA+ community to apply.

Most Trustee meetings are all held in central London - within walking distance of Euston and King's Cross stations. The individual appointed must be prepared to travel to the capital 2-3 times per year for these meetings - typically held on Thursdays (10.30am-1.30pm) in March and July (the November meeting is held on Zoom). Standard class travel and parking expenses are met. Because meetings are relatively infrequent it is important that all trustees make every effort to attend.

**How to Apply**

Please send a copy of your CV and a one page supporting statement outlining your interest in the vacancy and your relevant background, skills and experience to: [info@yappcharitabletrust.org.uk](mailto:info@yappcharitabletrust.org.uk) marked for the attention of Joanne Anderson, Trust Secretary. If you would to discuss the vacancy then please contact Joanne on 0191 3893300.

**Closing Date**

5pm on Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> September 2024. Shortlisted applicants will be invited to interview (in London) in November. Successful candidates will be invited to attend the November 2024 Trustee meeting as an observer before any formal appointment is made.