

Start date: July 2026

Location: Home based with attendance at 3-4 meetings in London per year

Closing date for applications: 5pm, Friday, 24th April 2026

Shortlisting: end April 2026

Interviews: early June 2026

We are seeking to appoint up to 2 new trustees to join the Board to 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.

About us

We make grants for running costs and salaries to small charities in England and Wales to help sustain their existing work under our priority groups:

- Elderly people
- Children and young people
- People with physical impairments, learning difficulties or mental health challenges
- Welfare of 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)

We offer grants only to registered charities with a total annual expenditure of less than £50,000. We do not fund capital or project costs. Grants are normally for a maximum of £3,000 per year and we will fund for up to 3 years. Most of our grants are for more than one year because we like to fund ongoing needs.

The role

You will be part of a small team of Trustees that play a vital role in overseeing the effective governance of the trust, determining our grant making strategy and deciding where our funds are directed - so that we continue making a difference to small charities by sustaining their vital work. If you have investment/finance experience we may ask you to join our Investment Sub-Committee to monitor, communicate and liaise with our investment managers.

Key tasks

- Provide ongoing support to the Trust Secretary to maintain effective governance, grant making policies & processes, financial management etc.
- Prepare appropriately for Trustee meetings including reading assessment reports, undertaking own research and submitting funding allocations
- Occasionally undertaking assessment and/or monitoring visits independently or with the Trust Secretary to help increase understanding of the work we support.
- Regular attendance at 3-4 meetings per year in central London

We're looking for individuals who can demonstrate:

- an interest in funding small charities working to improve the lives of disadvantaged people
- the skills/experience/ability to shape the strategic direction of the trust
- leadership as a trustee, volunteer or staff member working in one or more of our priority areas
- a commitment to devoting the necessary time to the role and attending meetings

Diversity and inclusion

To ensure that our work continues to reflect the range of charities and beneficiaries 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.

Existing trustees are located in Wales, London, the West Midlands, the South East and the North West of England so we could benefit from representation from other regions of England.

Time commitment:

- An estimated 2-3 hours per month, with more hours required to review applications and board papers in advance of the 3 main Trustee meetings held in March, July and November.
- Travel and attendance at Trustee board meetings – these are typically held on Wednesdays (10.30am-1.30pm) in March and July. The November meeting is usually held on Zoom.
- Travel and attendance at the Trust's Strategy meeting held every 2 years.
- Travel and attendance at the annual Investment Sub-Committee meeting with the investment managers (if applicable).

In-person meetings are held in central London - within walking distance of Euston and King's Cross stations. Because meetings are relatively infrequent it is important that all trustees make every effort to attend.

Terms

Unpaid/voluntary. Standard class travel and reasonable out of pocket expenses are reimbursed.

How to apply:

Email Joanne Anderson, Trust Secretary at info@yappcharitabletrust.org.uk with:

- (i) a copy of your CV; and
- (ii) a **one-page** supporting statement outlining your interest in the vacancy and your relevant background, skills and experience. Please also specify if you are from an under-represented group and/or region.

If you would to discuss the vacancy then please contact Joanne on 0191 3893300.

Closing date

5pm on Friday, 24th April 2026. Shortlisted applicants will be invited to interview (virtually via Zoom) in early June. Successful candidates will be invited to attend the next Trustee meeting in person on **Wednesday, 15th July 2026** (this will be held at our investment manager's offices in Gresham Street, London) as an observer before any formal appointment is made.