

Why become a Trustee of Include.org?



Include.org is a new and exciting charity, which combines creativity, fun and clinical evidence. It was founded by Alix Lewer, Highly Specialist Speech & Language Therapist, Safeguarding practitioner and musician.



Our Aim: is to make the world more welcoming for people with understanding or speaking difficulties



We want to raise awareness of, and improve access for, people with receptive and expressive language impairments (or understanding and speaking difficulties), one of the most overlooked areas of disability in our society.



In the UK alone, difficulties in understanding and using the spoken and written word affect:

- Over 1 million people with learning disabilities
- Around 700,000 on the autistic spectrum
- Around 850,000 people with dementia (rapidly rising)
- Over 350,000 people who have had a stroke
- Up to 50,000 people who have a brain tumour and many many more.

Yet there is little support outside overstretched speech and language therapy services.



Communication is two-way. Without skilled and inclusive communication partners, people with understanding and speaking difficulties are at risk of isolation, loneliness and mental and physical health issues.



Include.org provides training, consultancy and community activities to teach inclusive communication skills to individuals and organisations across the community, improving access to the things we all take for granted.

What do we need from our Trustees?



Changing mindsets about including people with understanding or speaking disabilities is not an easy task. We need an exceptional team of people who 'get it' and are up for the challenge.



We are recruiting Trustees who can bring professional expertise, creative thinking, high standards, commitment and empathy to the organisation.



Trusteeship is one of the most important roles in the voluntary sector. Trustees give direction to a charity and are ultimately responsible for its activities. Full details of the role can be found in the 'Role of Trustees' document, but a Trustee needs to be able to commit to:

- 4 Board meetings a year
- Regular contact via email / Skype / phone
- Providing Expert Advice
- Promoting the aims of Include.org
- Helping to ensure best financial practice

What do I get in return?



Trusteeship is a chance to use your skills and experience to contribute to an important cause, to diversify your skills and develop your portfolio.

As a Trustee for Include.org, you are also guaranteed:

- a vibrant organisation with no 'stale practice'
- A 'can-do' approach & expectation of results
- Creativity enabling you to think outside the box
- The chance to work with the best



Include.org already has patronage from a member of the House of Lords, has won awards and received nationwide invitations for its Include Choir. What's next? That's up to you!



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We look forward to hearing from you.*