



## Join the Active Cheshire Board of Trustees

In 2019, the UK Chief Medical Officers gave a stark message: 'If physical activity were a drug, we would refer to it as a miracle cure, due to the great many illnesses it can prevent and help treat'. Active Cheshire supports this message and believes that the lives of people in Cheshire and Warrington can be improved by increasing participation in sport, physical activity and movement.

This is a very exciting time for the staff and trustees of Active Cheshire as we embark on our new strategy and new relationships with our key stakeholders. At Active Cheshire, we work alongside a wide range of partners involved in the design and facilitation of sport, physical activity and movement. Our work is less hands-on and more about influencing and understanding people and how we work strategically to remove barriers to participation in sport, physical activity and movement.

Joining our friendly and inclusive team of trustees would be a very exciting and rewarding experience. You would help shape the future of our charity through the execution of your duties, knowing that you will be helping to improve the lives of people in Cheshire and Warrington.

We know that the most effective trustees are those who combine presence with perseverance in combatting some of the toughest and most challenging health inequalities in our communities. Together with our inspirational staff team, you will utilise your skills, knowledge and lived experience to shape how we best deliver our services and ultimately make the biggest impact possible.

Your **statutory duties as a trustee** would be to:

- act in the interests of the charity and its beneficiaries;
- protect and safeguard the assets of the charity; and
- act with reasonable care and skill

Following a comprehensive review of our governance arrangements, and guided by the regulations and spirit of the Charities Commission and Sport England's Code for Sports Governance, we are seeking to recruit new trustees to complement our existing Board members. A realistic expectation of time commitments necessary to fulfil the minimum requirements of a trustee are:

**Minimum time requirements approx. 8 days pa** (meetings take place both online and in person)

- Planning days x2 full days
- Board Meetings x4 half day
- Committee Meetings x4 half day

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Our current governance structure includes 2 committees who report directly into the Board, they are: Governance, Finance & Risk Committee (GFR), and People & Performance Committee (P&P). It is expected that trustees will sit as a member on one of these committees.

To deliver against these duties, Active Cheshire's trustees need to be able to identify the critical issues - the charity's objects and plans, its solvency, its resilience and quality of governance - and to be able to review these at regular intervals.

### **Experience**

Previous NED or charitable trustee experience may prove advantageous but is not essential as we are looking to recruit people to ensure that we have a diverse board of all backgrounds, ages and experience. Following an assessment of the existing Board skill sets we would welcome applications from individuals able to demonstrate experience in the following fields:

- Charity / Trust Governance
- Finance / Compliance
- Data / IT
- Public Health / Integrated Care System

### **Equal opportunities**

Active Cheshire are committed to equality of opportunity for all staff and applications from individuals are encouraged regardless of age, disability, sex, gender reassignment, sexual orientation, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief and marriage and civil partnerships.

### **Remuneration**

This is a voluntary position. All reasonable expenses are reimbursed.

### **Application**

To apply to join our Board of Trustees, please send a copy of your CV and a covering letter to [recruitment@activecheshire.org](mailto:recruitment@activecheshire.org). The closing deadline for applications is **Friday 1st April at 12noon**.

Interviews are to be held (either virtually or in person) between 11th – 25th April 2022.

For an informal discussion, please contact Active Cheshire CEO Mike Watson via email [mike.watson@activecheshire.org](mailto:mike.watson@activecheshire.org).

