



# **Volunteer Trustees (3) For the Board of Transition Edinburgh South (Scotland) Ltd**

## **About us**

Transition Edinburgh South (TES) is part of a transition movement created by people working together in local areas to find ways to create transformative change. Our aims are to reduce carbon emissions, meet social needs and enable more sustainable lifestyles. The most successful examples of transition projects tend to be in small towns - cities on the scale of Edinburgh provide a more difficult challenge and our approach is to focus on a local level while remaining in touch with national and city-wide organisations.

Since 2013 TES have been working in Gracemount Walled Garden with our main funding coming from Scottish Governments' Investing in Communities Fund. Our ambitions include growing the productivity of the garden, growing the number of people benefitting from the garden and establishing a community café/training-kitchen enterprise in the (currently derelict) stable block adjacent to the walled garden.

## **What are we looking for?**

We are looking to diversify our Trustee Board and therefore welcome anyone over the age of 16 who is passionate about building local community and environmental sustainability. Applicants with or without previous Board experience are welcome, but you should be prepared to volunteer at least a half day per month to the role (normally a Trustee meeting once per month plus ad-hoc preparation or review of papers).

Our Project Manager and his staff team, carry out all the operational activity and support the Board. The role of the Trustee is to bring expert knowledge and strategic guidance to develop the charity as we move into the next phase of our growth. We would particularly love to hear from applicants with experience in any of the following: fundraising, community enterprise, marketing, just transition, food sovereignty and corporate partnerships. A connection to Gracemount or South East Edinburgh would be an advantage.

## What will you be doing?

Working on a charity Board can be a fun and positive experience. Trustees will get involved in aspects of work that suit their own skills and interests as well as develop new skills, including helping with any of the following:

- **Furthering the vision, mission and values of our organisation.**
- **Developing direction, strategy and planning.**
- **Establishing policies and procedures to govern our activities or provide guidance for trustees, volunteers and staff.**
- **Assisting with fundraising applications**
- **Managing risk and ensuring compliance and accountability with our governing documents, external regulators and the law.**

Trustee appointments are unremunerated and will be subject to satisfactory references and Trustees should be happy to uphold the values of the organisation and our policies.

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