

Board of Trustee role description

About Us

Tinderwood Trust has been working in Calderdale since 2011 growing out of a voluntary and community group established (2006) by parents interested in playing and learning in less than traditional ways.

The group has been offering Forest School sessions to children and their families and carers, providing training and taster sessions for practitioners working within the EYFS, and offering consultancy on all aspects of creative outdoor play and learning and design of outdoor learning environments.



Our Mission

Reconnecting Learning with Nature

Our Vision

Lighting the spark of learning through creative outdoor education for children, families and professionals

Our work

- We use a woodland setting and have clear boundaries and safety routines to enable children, young people and adults to enjoy and learn in a potentially high risk environment. We link learning to the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) and National Curriculum but we operate in a different environment and use innovative approaches to learning.
- We encourage the freedom to learn using many sensory experiences
- We run regular Forest School sessions and recognise that learning takes place over time to allow children to become familiar and confident in an ever-changing natural environment.
- We have qualified Forest School staff that provide planned sessions that aim to build on children, carers and parents understanding and confidence of the natural world.



Role description

Tinderwood Trust is currently seeking to expand its Board of Trustees who can help steer the organisation as it grows over the next 5 years.

The Board of Trustees provide leadership and strategic governance for Tinderwood trust. Specific Board Member responsibilities include:

- Serving as an advisor to the Director, as they develop and implement Tinderwood Trusts strategic plan
- Approving Tinderwood Trusts annual budget, audit reports, and material business decisions
- Being informed of, and ensuring the organisation meets all its legal responsibilities including financial
- Reporting, safeguarding, health and safety and equal opportunities responsibilities
- Reviewing outcomes and evidence for evaluating Tinderwood Trusts impact, regularly measuring its performance and effectiveness against its objectives
- Providing specific advice and support to the Director relating to their own expertise
- Representing Tinderwood Trust to stakeholders and acting as an ambassador for the enterprise
- Assisting in identifying and recruiting other Board members and advisors

Person specification

Tinderwood Trust is seeking Board members who have achieved leadership stature in business, public or third sectors (voluntary, community and social enterprise) who can help lead our organisation.

Ideal candidates will have the following qualities:

- A commitment to Tinderwood Trust vision and mission and an affinity with our approach



- Excellent interpersonal skills and strong abilities in cultivating relationships and persuading, advocating, facilitating, and building consensus among diverse individuals
- Personal qualities of integrity, credibility, and a passion for improving the lives of Tinderwood Trust beneficiaries

We would be particularly pleased to hear from individuals who have experience and expertise in the following fields:

Marketing
Business / social enterprise Law
Accountancy
Local government
Charity Sector
Education
Health sector
Funding

Commitment

- Service on Tinderwood Trust Board is without remuneration, except for expenses in relation to Board
- The Board meets once a quarter and meetings are held in Hebden Bridge, currently on a Sunday afternoon 3.00pm – 4.30pm
- Board members occasionally meet with the Director to support on specific tasks in relation to their skills and expertise.
- We also have at least 2 open days throughout the year at Brick Shack and the managing director will request your attendance if possible.

Tinderwood trust offers a fun and friendly environment with opportunities for professional development, personal fulfilment and a chance to make a real difference.

Application / Expressions of interest

If you would like more information please contact Tinderwood Trust

info@tinderwoodtrust.org.uk

Interested parties are invited to write an expression of interest and to observe a meeting and meet other Board members.

