



Join the Board of Trustees or Advisory Board for Make the Sunshine

Make the Sunshine is a Community Interest Company based in Somerset, using arts and imagination to bring people together and create positive social change. We work with young people, older adults, schools, care homes, and rural communities—co-creating joyful, inclusive creative projects that improve wellbeing, mental-health, learning, and build social connection.

We're now entering an exciting new phase: **transitioning to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)** to grow our impact, secure long-term sustainability, and deepen our community roots. As part of this transformation, we are looking to **recruit new charity trustees** (governance role) **and advisory board members** (a non governance role) to guide and support our development.

✨ Who we're looking for

We are seeking committed, compassionate individuals with a passion for creativity, community and inclusion. We're especially keen to hear from people with one or more of the following skills or lived experiences:

Key areas of expertise:

- Charity finance / accounting
- Fundraising and income generation
- Charity governance / legal
- Education and SEND inclusion
- Arts / creative facilitation
- Marketing, PR or communications
- Community development / working with carers or older adults
- Social enterprise or business development

We are committed to building a board that reflects the communities we serve, and we particularly welcome applications from:

- Young people
- Older adults
- Parents of children with SEND
- People from global majority backgrounds
- Carers or care-experienced individuals
- People living in rural or underserved areas

Previous trustee experience is not required—we will support and welcome those new to governance.



Time commitment

Advisory Board Members

- 1-2 x 1hr meetings per year online or in-person held with with the Director and/or Trustees or other MTS team members to give strategic advice and insight
- Ad-hoc advice on bespoke projects
- Opportunity to attend events and programmes and represent Make the Sunshine at key events
- This is a **voluntary, non-governance role**, but a vital one — your advice and support will make a real difference to our organisation and communities.

Make the Sunshine Trustees

- Approx **1-2 hrs per month supporting a key area of our work**
- Includes **4 board meetings per year** Sept, Dec, March & June (in person or hybrid, in Somerset). Plus one ½ day away-day per year.
- Time for reading papers or contributing to strategic planning
- Being an ambassador for Make the Sunshine
- Opportunity to attend events and programmes and represent Make the Sunshine at key events

Trustee roles are voluntary but hugely rewarding. You'll be helping to shape a growing creative organisation that brings real change to people's lives.

Trustee Responsibilities

As a trustee of Make the Sunshine CIO, you'll help guide the organisation's mission, ensure we stay true to our charitable purpose, and make thoughtful decisions that help us grow safely and sustainably.

Trustee Responsibilities Include

Working in Make the Sunshine's best interests: Acting with integrity, honesty, and independence, putting the organisation's purpose—and the communities we serve—at the heart of decisions.

Overseeing long-term strategy and planning: Helping shape and grow our direction, vision, and priorities. Offering guidance to keep us on track.

Ensuring legal and financial compliance: Making sure we meet our obligations under charity law and our governing document. Approving budgets, monitoring finances, and ensuring resources are used wisely.

Managing risks and safeguarding: Helping to identify and manage risks around safeguarding, finance, operations and reputation. Ensuring policies and processes are in place and working.

Supporting and being a critical friend: Acting as a “critical friend” to the staff team—supportive, but challenging to ensure we are the best we can be. Ensuring we have the right skills, policies and people in place.

You don't need to be an expert in charity law or governance. We'll provide:

- An induction
- Ongoing support from the Chair and Director
- Opportunities for training and learning

What matters most is your commitment, curiosity, and belief in what we do.

Interested?

To express your interest, please [complete the form here](#). If you'd prefer to share your interest via video or voice note, that's welcome too.

If you'd like to chat informally before applying, we'd love to hear from you.

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