Become a Young Trustee for Suffolk Libraries

Suffolk Libraries are a looking for a Young Trustee between the ages of 18 – 30 years to join our full board.

This is an exciting opportunity for a young person who is preparing for that next step in their career and looking to develop skills around:

* Leadership
* Strategic planning
* Governance
* Advocating for change

This role is supported by our Arts Council Funded Programme, *BLOC - Building Libraries on Creativity.* The Young Trustee role is a volunteer role and the board meet once every 3-4 months where they will discuss the strategic plans of the organisation. This post is for one year with travel expenses reimbursed once usual meetings are resumed. There is a small subsidy provided for any CPD or training in support of the trustee role and to aid their personal professional development.

About us

We were the first library service to be divested from a county council just over eight years ago and we have grown and flourished since becoming a charitable organisation. Our strategy focuses on making life better for the residents of Suffolk and we are committed to being the most impactful service available in communities across the county.

As an Industrial and Provident Society with charitable status, Suffolk Libraries has a Board of Trustees who are responsible for the effectiveness and impact of what we do. Suffolk Libraries has a strategic focus on supporting wellbeing and is one of the only library services in the UK with a wellbeing programme.

Suffolk Libraries is going through a critical period of change and we are looking for a co-opted trustee (between the ages of 18 – 30) to offer their time and expertise.

Criteria

We are looking for someone:

* Between 18 – 30 years old
* Who is passionate and an advocate for change.
* Can think strategically about the long-term potential of libraries as dynamic community spaces.
* Can listen to others’ views and contribute their own to help reach decisions collectively
* Can collaborate with and support our professional staff
* Can promote Suffolk Libraries and help find new members and supporters

How to apply?

To apply, applicants should provide the following:

* A 200-word statement outlining why they wish to become a Board member for Suffolk Libraries.
* Provide a one-page career summary or a CV.

These should be sent to Janet Perry via the email [janet.perry@communityactionsuffolk.org.uk](mailto:janet.perry@communityactionsuffolk.org.uk). Please also contact Janet Perry if you would like to arrange an informal chat about what the role of a trustee entails or require any further information.

Deadline for expressions of interest: Midnight, Wednesday 20th October 2020

Shadow a board meeting: Thursday 29th October 2020

Interviews: Thursday 5th November 2020

Suffolk Libraries are keen to achieve greater diversity amongst our Board of Trustees and particularly encourages applications from individuals with lived experience of disability, those from Black, Asian and minority ethnic backgrounds and people under 30. While we are interested in some particular skills and experiences that are sometimes associated with professional qualifications, no specific educational or professional qualification is required in order to become a trustee.