

KeyRing

BECOMING A KEYPING TRUSTEE



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SUMMARY

Charities need trustees. They check that the charity is safe, legal, doing what it says and heading in the right direction. KeyRing is a charity and has a board of trustees.

The board of trustees should always have people on it who have lived experience of social care. This document explains what that is.

WHAT IS A TRUSTEE?



A trustee is a volunteer role in a charity. All charities must have trustees. They make sure that the charity is doing what it should be doing.

At KeyRing trustees work as a team to check that we are:

- Supporting people to build their independence and connect in their local area and with each other.
- Keeping people safe and treating them well.
- Spending money in ways that help us to be a great charity to:
 - work for,
 - work with and
 - be supported by.
- Not breaking the law

CAN ANYONE BE A TRUSTEE?

Not quite. Below we explain the different types of trustees and skills that they need. We also have to follow some rules that say certain people cannot be a trustee. This means that we will ask you about any criminal convictions that you have and whether you are on the sex offenders list. The information you tell us will help us decide whether you can become a trustee.

TYPES OF TRUSTEES

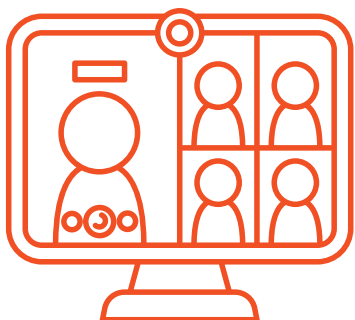
We try to make sure that we have a variety of people and skills on the **board**. The **board of trustees** is what we call the team of trustees.

There are trustees that are good at looking at how we spend and save money, ones that know lots about health and social care and others that bring skills like being a good leader.

It is important that we have trustees that have lived experience. This could be lived experience of things like having a learning disability, physical disability or mental health issues. Or experience of social care services.

We are keen to have trustees that have experience of being supported by KeyRing.

WHAT IS INVOLVED?



Trustees meet at least 4 times a year. This is sometimes using Zoom and sometimes face to face in London. You will need to come to these meetings and prepare for them. We will give you the support you need with travel and understanding the meeting.

At the meeting you will listen and ask questions about the information that is shared with you.

You may also be asked to do other things like visit KeyRing services or speak about the work we do.

WHAT SKILLS DO I NEED?



You will:

- Be passionate about KeyRing and the work that we do.
- Be a good listener and work well as part of a team.
- Have some good ideas about how we can make things better.
- Understand that the decisions we make could affect many different people.

There are lots of other skills that good trustees have but we can help you to build these skills.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I WANT TO BE A TRUSTEE?

If this sounds like something you would be interested in then you can get in touch at any time.

This [link takes you to a form](#) that asks for your contact details. When we have an opportunity to join our board we will get in touch.

We will always check that being a trustee is right for you and for KeyRing. If we do not think this is right for you, we will let you know and give you some advice so that you can apply again.



This document was reviewed in April 2026. It will be reviewed and updated every three years or when a change is needed.