

Governing bodies of charities are made up of trustees or committee members. These people come from different walks of life and bring with them a variety of skills and experiences. Being a trustee or a committee member means a chance to shape, support and contribute one's ideas and knowledge to a meaningful organisation. A trustee's role is to provide checks and balances and oversight of the organisation's performance, ethics, finances and risks.

Generalist skills/qualities/requirements

- Basic understanding of role of voluntary organisations and charities in the society
- Communication skills
- Working well with people

Specialist skills/qualities/requirements

- Sharp mind and good judgment
- People skills
- Independent thought (able to challenge opinions or offer support)
- Vision and passion for the cause
- Honesty and transparency
- Keenness to enhance contribution through feedback

Transferable skills

- Team work and leadership
- Time management skills
- Confidence
- Strategic capability
- Management skills

