

Trustee for Maths on Toast

Role description

Introduction

Maths on Toast is the family maths charity. Our vision is to become the go-to voluntary organisation for family maths in the UK, transforming children's and parents' experience of doing maths together.

Founded in 2012, we historically work with families and communities, primarily in Camden, Brent and surrounding boroughs. Our mission is to help every family feel positive, empowered and inspired about maths – that maths is something that they can do and enjoy, and overcoming barriers such as negative attitudes to maths and maths anxiety.

We engage families in hands-on, exploratory, creative maths and work collaboratively with libraries, community settings, schools, family charities and learning/arts organisations to offer a wide range of fun events, projects, programmes, products and services. Our charity has big ambitions to grow in the coming years, developing programmes of work that can extend our reach. As our strategic plans develop, you can play a part in taking the charity's work to a whole new level - and to put us on a sustainable footing for the future.

This Trustee role provides an opportunity to make a real difference to improving attitudes to mathematics in the UK.

About the role

Maths on Toast is looking to appoint a new Trustee with experience of working with community organisations and/or charities. Given our range of stakeholders, it is vital that we continue to be cognisant of the needs of children and their families in marginalised communities and we are equipped to build meaningful relationships. You may have experience of working with a family or youth charity, a housing association, or a local authority.

We want our board to be representative of the society we serve, and welcome applications from people who are keen to try being a trustee for the first time, as well as those who may have more experience. If you are interested in applying and have any questions, please contact Tanveer Sian at tanveer@mathsontost.org.uk

Duties & Responsibilities of the role:

- To agree and oversee the long-term strategic direction for the charity
- Networking on behalf of Maths on Toast and representing the charity at occasional events
- To monitor and evaluate risks
- To ensure that performance is monitored and managed
- To approve key policies and take decisions about matters reserved to the Board.
- To ensure that the Board fulfils its duties and responsibilities for the proper governance of the charity including compliance

Personal Specification

Skills and experience

- Committed to the values and vision of the charity with the ability to recognise its key challenges
- Understanding of the duties and responsibilities of being a Board and Committee Member
- Strategic oversight and leadership, to support Maths on Toast in the delivery of its mission
- Independent strategic thinker with the confidence to question and challenge
- Collaborative and good at building relationships with a team
- Strong interpersonal and networking skills with influencing abilities
- Ability to ensure that Maths on Toast operates in accordance with the principles of good governance, complying with charity law, company law and any other relevant legislation or regulations
- Understanding of the challenges of engaging with families in marginalised communities – ideally gained in the charity sector, local authority, partnerships, or youth/family engagement

Desirable:

We are specifically looking for three new trustees for the below particular roles:

- Chair of the Board
- Safeguarding Lead
- Treasurer

Commitments

This is a voluntary role which does not attract a salary, although expenses incurred will be reimbursed. The Board meets 6 times a year, generally early evenings in London, or remotely with a strategic away day each summer. Trustees may be expected to volunteer their time outside of Board meetings to provide support to staff or to attend events to see our work in action. Therefore, time commitment is approximately up to one day per month.

By applying for this role, you confirm that you are eligible to be a Trustee. For information on Trustee eligibility, see <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/charity-trustee-disqualification>

How to apply

If you are interested in applying for this role, please send an up-to-date CV and a short covering letter. The latter should set out what it is that interests you about this position and the charity and why your experience and contribution would be beneficial to the board.

Please send to: tanveer@mathsonttoast.org.uk

Closing date: 21st November 2023