



The Kent Downs Trust seeks Financial, Legal and Arts focused Trustees

Trustees wanted

The newly established Kent Downs Trust is seeking three additional trustees:

- One with finance/accounting experience
- One with legal experience
- One with experience of the creative and arts sector

These are voluntary posts and you will be supported by specific founding trustees from the existing committee and Kent Downs Trust officers.

You will be joining at an early stage in the development of the Trust and will have an opportunity to help shape our future strategy.

About Kent Downs Trust

The Kent Downs Trust is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation which focuses on conservation, education, health, wellbeing and citizenship in the Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB).

The Kent Downs Trust works to ensure that the qualities and distinctive features of the Kent Downs AONB are valued, secured and strengthened. The organisation has 3 distinct aims:

1. To promote the conservation and enhancement of the natural beauty, landscape, wildlife, cultural, scientific and historic value of the Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) and its setting for the benefit of the public.
2. To advance education in and around the AONB, in the natural beauty, landscape, wildlife, cultural, scientific and historic value of the Kent Downs AONB and its setting, for the benefit of the public.
3. To improve the health and wellbeing of people and promote citizenship of those living in or visiting the Kent Downs AONB and its setting by promoting free access to nature for fresh air, exercise and visual amenity.

In taking forward its charitable objects the Kent Downs Trust shall pay particular attention to demonstrably promoting equality, diversity and inclusion.

Who are we looking for?

We are looking for individuals who are interested in helping the development of a young charitable organisation, one of only a few working across the whole Kent Downs AONB area with a commitment to support conservation, education and heritage but also broaden the AONB's reach to the wider community in Kent and elsewhere.

These three specific roles would be suitable for individuals with legal, financial and arts sector management experience, ideally within a charity context.

All trustees will be expected to have:

- A commitment to the work of the Trust and its constituent parts
- A willingness to devote the necessary time and effort to the role
- An understanding and acceptance of the legal duties, responsibilities and liabilities of the role
- Relevant experience and expertise in one or more of the organisation's areas of work
- Financial experience
- An ability to contribute to the development of the Trust's policy and strategic vision and ensure these are being effectively implemented
- An ability to work effectively with others and to reach decisions through consensus

How to apply

To apply please send your CV, supporting statement and details of two referees to nick.johannsen@kentdowns.org.uk by midday 26 March. Please ensure that your supporting statement is a maximum length of 2 sides of A4 and provides concise and specific examples to demonstrate (a) why you want this role, (b) how your skills address the role description you are interested in being considered for (detailed in the Terms of Reference) and (c) what added value you can provide to ensure KDT develops as an effective and professional organisation.

Further information on Kent Downs Trust, including Trustees Terms of Reference, can also be obtained from Nick Johannsen at Nick.Johannsen@kentdowns.org.uk, Tel 01303 815 170.

For an informal discussion about the specific roles please call

Caroline Arnold – Potential Financial Trustees – Tel: 07799 111997

Richard Haynes – Potential Legal Trustees – Tel: 07775 928226

Nick Johannsen – Potential Arts and Culture Trustees Tel: 01303 815 170

Interviews for shortlisted candidates are anticipated to take place between 1 and 5 April.

Practical considerations

Our meetings tend to be in Brabourne, near Ashford in Kent or via Skype. Trustees would be expected to attend 4 meetings a year with up to 4 additional days input across the year. The term of service is 3 years.

Travel and other reasonable expenses are payable.