



Role Description for Trustee to join bccs

The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society – or 'bccs' – is an established children's charity delivering vital mental health and emotional wellbeing services in schools across Essex and East London.

For the past 35 years our team of counsellors and social workers has been providing support services to children, young people and their families who may be experiencing all manner of hardship – from bullying, abuse, bereavement and anxiety to compulsive eating disorders, low self-esteem, self-harm and exam stress.

Our mission is to provide a caring professional response to the child in need, irrespective of their background, race or religion. We receive no national or local statutory funding of any kind and we are proud of the fact that we raise our own finance with the unstinting help of our supporters and benefactors.

We are a catholic charity - that means we are rooted in the catholic community and does not mean we only care for Catholic children. We work with around 100 schools (primary and secondary) of which roughly 70% are catholic schools. It is a requirement that all trustees are fully sympathetic to Catholic Social Teaching and the ethos of Catholic Schools. All trustees are formally invited to join the Board by the Bishop of Brentwood after meeting with the Director and the Chair.

We are looking for someone to join our dedicated Board of Trustees who brings a diverse range of skills to bear on the overall governance of our work. Business people, social workers, teachers, financial managers are all represented. The Board meets four times a year and provides oversight on all aspects of the charity's work and finances. Trustees also sit on one of the sub-committees which focus on Finance (Management Account, Monitoring, Risk, Audit), Governance (Internal Policies, Risk, Professional Standards), Marketing and Fundraising (Events, Donors, Trusts, Risk). The protocols for trustees in place at this time are attached for your information.

It would be useful for all those interested to submit a short biography of experience to date and what you consider you will be able to offer as a trustee.

Please email Bernadette, our Director at bfisher@bccs.org.uk or call on 01268 784544 if you are interested in becoming a trustee.

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