



Are you looking for the right voluntary opportunity to share your skills, enabling us to have a real impact on children's lives?

You could be our new trustee, with a focus on safeguarding (safeguarding experience by no means essential, although a willingness to learn, with support, is)

Downright Excellent's mission is to enable children with Down syndrome to maximise their potential. We passionately believe that all our children have skills and talents that should be celebrated and developed to support them to be the best that they can be. We deliver a range of research-based interventions and support to both children with Down syndrome and their families in Greater London

We are seeking a new **trustee (safeguarding)** to join our board as we navigate our way through the challenges presented by the current Covid-19 crisis, and plan for the future.

A bit about this role

Our new trustee will work closely with the rest of our trustees and our small team to lead our organisation through these unprecedented times. Whilst trustees have collectively responsibility for all matters, including safeguarding, as the trustee with responsibility for safeguarding, you will be the main contact on the board for matters relating to child protection and safeguarding. You will be supported by our team who manage day to day safeguarding issues, with training provided whether it is new to you or you come from a safeguarding background. Working with the wider trustee team, you will also contribute to our fundraising strategy and efforts.

What can you expect to be doing?

- Be the point of contact on the trustee board for safeguarding matters, supported by our small safeguarding team
- As part of our trustee team, give firm strategic direction to the organisation, setting overall policy, defining goals and setting targets and evaluating performance against agreed targets.
- Ensure that the organisation pursues its objects as defined in its governing document.
- Ensure the organisation applies its resources exclusively in pursuing its objectives

What are the benefits to you?

You will develop your skills, expand your knowledge and make a significant contribution to improving the lives of children with Down syndrome and their families. You will also meet new people, enjoy new experiences and be part of an energetic and committed board of trustees.

We're looking for someone who...

- has experience of safeguarding, or a real enthusiasm to learn
- is proactive, entrepreneurial, coming up with ideas around improvement and development
- has good, independent judgement
- is willing to speak their mind and join in discussions
- can show us their drive and passion to support our work

Time expectation

You can expect to spend around 10 hours a month in this role. More hours may be required at certain times, such as around fundraising events, but support is always available. The Board meets at least 6 times a year for around two and a half hours, with one longer strategy day per year, and 3 topic-based workshops.

How to apply

To find out more about the role, please visit our website at www.downrightexcellent.org/news

To apply, please send your CV and a covering letter to Gemma Sykes at gemma@lovegovernance.com

If you wish to discuss the role, please telephone Gemma (DEX governance consultant) on 07812 386030

Closing date: 15 January 2021. Interviews for suitable candidates will take place as their applications are received, with a final decision taken after the closing date.

DEX is committed to promoting equality and diversity and it is embedded in all we do. Our goal is to build a team that represents a variety of backgrounds, perspectives, and skills. The more inclusive we are, the better our work will be.