

Group Board of Trustees Chair

Outline: The Chair will lead the Board of Trustees, ensuring that it fulfils its responsibilities within the Group. The Chair will work closely with the Group Scout Leader (Group Lead Volunteer) to achieve the purpose of The Scout Association through the development of local Scouting, in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

Responsible for: Board of Trustees Members.

Responsible to: The relevant Scout Council.

Appointment requirements: Must successfully complete the appointment process (including acceptable personal enquiries and acceptance of The Scout Association's policies).

It's expected that whilst volunteering for this role you will undertake regulated activity.

The responsibilities of the Chair:

- Objectively and impartially chairing and facilitating Board of Trustees meetings.
- Acting as the Chair of the relevant Scout Council.
- Planning the annual cycle of Board of Trustees meetings and setting the agenda for Board of Trustees meetings.
- Monitoring that decisions and actions agreed at Board of Trustees meetings are implemented.
- Working closely with the Group Scout Leader (Group Lead Volunteer) to ensure there are long term and short-term goals and the role the Board of Trustees can play in helping to achieve these.
- Providing direction for the Board of Trustees.
- Ensuring that all Board of Trustees Members have been briefed and inducted into their roles, receive appropriate training, and are aware of their status as charity trustees.
- Addressing and resolving conflicts that arise.
- Membership and attendance of any working groups or sub-Committees set up by the Board of Trustees, where appropriate.

General Board of Trustees responsibilities:

- To be a full and active participant in Board of Trustees meetings and activities.
- To uphold the responsibilities of a Board of Trustees as outlined in The Scout Association's Policy Organisation and Rules.
- Willingness and eligibility to act as a Charity Trustee for the Group.
- Contribute to the strategic aims and future development of the Group.
- An understanding of their own role, and the role of others on the Board of Trustees.
- A commitment to understanding and forming opinions on the key discussion points and responsibilities of the Board of Trustees.
- Willingness to complete various tasks which support the work of the Board of Trustees and aims of the Group.

Skills for a Chair:

- Strong leadership skills
- Strong communication and inter-personal skills
- Ability to work as part of a team
- Able to think creatively and solve problems
- Able to motivate others and encourage participation
- Able to handle and resolve conflict effectively
- Willing to speak one's mind and listen to the views of others.
- Able to maintain independent and objective judgement
- Willing to actively design and contribute to the strategic vision of the Group.
- Willingness to take decisions which will further the work of the Group.