

## Are you Million Minutes' newest trustee?



We're a young, dynamic organisation working to see every young person given a voice and using it to make a difference in the world. Will you join us? You might want to have your first experience of being a trustee where your creativity and energy will immediately make an impact. Or you might want to offer a guiding hand of experience or leverage support for a charity that already achieves far beyond its resources. Either way, we could be a perfect match.

### About the Charity

Million Minutes, a charity that gives young people a voice, was launched in 2011 with the support of Fr Christopher Jamison OSB, Delia Smith and Margaret Mizen.

Our mission is to enable young people to make a difference in their world - to be the difference in their world. We see that too often young people's energy, enthusiasm and creativity is underestimated. They get shut out of decision-making, stereotyped, and scapegoated for society's problems. And it's not right. Inspired by the principles of Catholic social teaching we develop new and innovative projects that help empower young people.

We deliver:

- siLENT, a way for young people to engage more deeply in the season of Lent while raising money to support our grants fund;
- The Celebrating Young People Awards, an awards ceremony honouring young people who exemplify the principles of Catholic social teaching;
- A new pilot project developing a model for parish detached youth work using the skills and energy of parish communities;
- our grants scheme, awarding grants to projects which promote and support youth action and youth advocacy.

Working with fellow trustees, the CEO and the small youth work staff team we are seeking new trustee members to help us develop and deliver our ambitions over the next three years. We are particularly interested in establishing new board members with experience in:

- Catholic Education and leadership
- Charity governance and finance
- People who would be interested in developing in their trustee role, including as a future Chair of Trustees

### Role Description

Million Minutes is a small charity that has a significant impact in the Catholic community and beyond, achieved with the help of a committed board of trustees. You will be joining an active group, who have a passion for improving the lives of young people and a commitment to enabling young people to be a means of transformation in the world.

Six years since Million Minutes began, the current Board of Trustees are seeking new individuals who can help with our developing strategy. Over the next three years we expect to be

- Inspiring and supporting many hundreds of young people and adults to support fundraising and advocacy campaigns – making a measurable impact in society

- Building on the establishment of the Celebrating Young People Awards as the authoritative moment of celebration and recognition for youth social action in the Catholic community
- Scaling up our youth work pilot project across England and Wales, equipping parishes to reach out and support 'young people on the edge' in their local area.

All Trustees are expected to bring their experience, skills and commitment to support Million Minutes in the essential elements of good governance:

- Always acting with reasonable care and skill
- Ensuring we are carrying out our charitable purposes for the benefit of the public
- Always acting in the charity's best interests
- Ensuring that all our activity is accountable
- Managing our resources responsibly
- Complying with all the legal and regulatory requirements

Successful applicants will be committed to the cause and use their sphere of influence and their skill to advance the charity in achieving its vision. Further, the successful candidates will be:

- Prepared to fully understand and accept the legal duties and responsibilities of being a Trustee
- Committed to the charity's mission, vision and values
- Willing to devote time to carry out responsibilities.
- Strategic and forward-looking

Candidates will also demonstrate:

- Good, independent judgement with the ability to think creatively in the context of the organisation and external environment.
- Good communication and interpersonal skills and the ability to respect the confidences of colleagues.
- An understanding of the need to challenge and constructively criticise, whilst maintaining a loyalty to board decisions

#### **Expectations of Trustees**

- Four to six board meetings per year in London, including an annual away day.
- Each trustee is expected to be a member of a sub committee which normally meet four times a year. Sub committees have responsibility to review finance, governance, policies, HR and Safeguarding.
- Representing the charity, and attendance at special events as and when needed.

#### **Practical Details:**

**Location:** Meetings normally take place in London

**Volunteer Position:** unpaid

**Application process:** Please send a CV along with a one page covering letter outlining why you would like to join the board of Million Minutes. The selection process will involve an informal interview with members of the board, and an opportunity to explore and discuss Million Minutes' work with the team and volunteers.

Please email [info@millionminutes.org](mailto:info@millionminutes.org)

We have a rolling recruitment for trustees. Next closing date for applications: 28 July 2017