

Fundraising Trustee

Location: Brighton – online/hybrid or in-person meetings

Role type: Trustee – voluntary position

Time commitment: Around 4-5 hours per month on average

Term of office: Initial three years and can stand for re-election

About Brighton Natural Health Foundation

At BNHF, we are passionate about tackling health inequalities and believe everyone should have the opportunity to lead happier, healthier lives.

We provide free, inclusive mindful movement classes - including yoga, qigong, mindful walking and Pilates - in the most underserved areas of our city, supporting people who have experienced trauma, homeless people, refugees, older people, and disabled people.

BNHF is entering an exciting new chapter. We have been strengthening and transforming the organisation to meet the needs of our communities. We are now ready to move to the next stage of our development and are looking for new trustees with specialist knowledge and experience to help shape what comes next.

This is an opportunity to bring your professional expertise and passion for social justice to help shape our future and to turn our ambitions into action.

Role Description

As Fundraising Trustee, you will help BNHF build the income and relationships it needs to achieve its ambitions. Working closely with the BNHF Director, Treasurer and Board, you will bring your expertise in fundraising, income generation, partnerships or charity development to identify opportunities, strengthen relationships, and help develop sustainable and diverse sources of funding. You will also sit on our Finance & Fundraising Sub-committee, supporting BNHF's long-term growth and impact.

We are looking for an active, collaborative, and creative trustee who brings professional expertise, strategic thinking, and strong relationship-building skills. You will join our committed Board at an important point in BNHF's development, with the opportunity to make a meaningful contribution to our future. If you share our commitment to tackling health inequalities and improving community health, we'd love to hear from you.

Role Details

Working with the Board, the Treasurer and the BNHF Director, key aspects of the role include to:

Fundraising Strategy & Oversight

- Guide the development of a diverse fundraising strategy across grants, individual giving, corporate partnerships, community fundraising, and events
- Advise the Board on priorities, opportunities, and risks related to income generation
- Help identify new funding prospects and develop/strengthen relationships with funders
- Help with the development of the annual budget and advise on long-term financial planning
- Sit on the Finance & Fundraising Sub-committee

Grant Funding & Trusts

- Support the writing and reviewing of grant applications
- Advise on project design, budget alignment, impact reporting, and evaluation requirements for funders
- Help ensure compliance with grant conditions and timely reporting

Community & Corporate Fundraising

- Assist the team in developing relationships with local businesses, community groups, and partners
- Provide insight into events / campaigns / initiatives that can increase support from the local community

Governance, Ethics & Compliance

- Ensure fundraising follows best practice and meets charity and Fundraising Regulator guidelines
- Promote ethical fundraising and protect beneficiary dignity and data
- Help monitor risk and financial sustainability related to income generation

Trustee Responsibilities (all trustees)

- Attend and actively participate in Board and relevant sub-committee meetings
- Provide constructive challenge, oversight and support to the senior team
- Act in the best interests of the charity and its beneficiaries
- Promote the charity externally and help build a strong, positive reputation

Skills & Experience

You don't need to have specific previous experience on a charity board to apply for this. We recognise that many of the skills and experience required are transferable, and you may have gained them in other settings or through other relevant experience. These include:

Essential

- Professional experience in fundraising or income generation / business development / partnerships
- Understanding of charity fundraising principles and best practice
- Strategic thinker with the ability to advise the board on sustainable income growth
- Strong communication skills and ability to build relationships
- Ability to listen and engage effectively
- Reliable, collaborative, and comfortable with challenge and debate
- Commitment to equity, inclusion and BNHF's values, and Nolan's seven principles of public life

Desirable

- Experience of bid-writing for grants and donations
- Experience as a trustee or board member, or of working in charities
- Knowledge of funders or community networks in the local area or beyond
- Understanding or experience of the mental, physical and social health sector

What you will gain from being a BNHF trustee

- An opportunity to use your professional skills to support community health and wellbeing
- A role in shaping the direction, resilience, and future of a meaningful local charity
- Being part of a supportive, collaborative team of trustees
- Experience in charity governance and strategic leadership

How to Apply

Please send a brief statement of interest and your CV to chair@bnhf.org. For an informal conversation about the role, contact Peter Kinsey– peterkinsey@bnhf.org – 07738 034135.