

Trustee for North East Child Poverty Trust

We wish to recruit a Trustee with financial management experience to join the board at an exciting time for the Trust, as we plan our next steps working alongside partners such as North East Child Poverty Commission, Child Poverty Reduction Unit, Local Authorities and charities offering support to families experiencing poverty and hardship across Tyne & Wear and County Durham and Teesside.

We are looking for people who can bring energy, enthusiasm and commitment to the role and who will broaden the diversity of thinking on our board. We are particularly keen to hear from people from underrepresented groups and those with knowledge of organisations in areas like South Tyneside, Gateshead and Teesside.

For an informal chat about the trust and the role, please contact our Board Chair Sean Laws on seanlaws.necpt@outlook.com

Who are we?

North East Child Poverty Trust (NECPT) is a registered charity, established in April 2015, which is concerned about child poverty in the region and, in particular, exists to promote solutions to child poverty through collaborative working.

The founder Trustees were members of the North East Child Poverty Commission (NECPC) to support an independent charity to undertake projects which ameliorate child poverty, initially focussing on what was then known as 'holiday hunger'. NECPC is a network of voluntary organisations, charities, and statutory bodies (in particular local authorities), which campaigns for changes to national and local policy to promote greater equality and an end to child poverty. NECPC and NECPT share information and objectives but are independent of each other seeking to complement their approaches and activities.

NECPT's charitable objectives are:

To mitigate and relieve child poverty in the North East of England by:

- Raising awareness of the issue of child poverty.
- Improving knowledge and understanding of the causes and consequences of, and solutions to, child poverty.
- Working collaboratively with public services, voluntary bodies, employers and young people to address child poverty.

We have the following strategic objectives:

- To align with the North East Child Poverty Commission and mitigate and relieve child poverty in the region.
- To raise funds to support community based, practical activities which address and bring us closer to solving child poverty.
- To work in partnership and deliver activities through others.

NECPT is currently entirely voluntarily run and we do not currently employ staff. Trustees are involved in different aspects of our operation.

What have we done to date? <https://nechildpovertytrust.org.uk/category/all-projects/>

As well as a commitment to the aims and objectives of the Trust, we are looking for individuals who have:

- Attributes and qualities of independent judgment, constructive challenge, commitment to developing values and standards and to equality, diversity and inclusion.
- Experience, knowledge and expertise in areas vital to NECPT's success in its mission.
- Personal Competencies which demonstrate effective communication, community focus, partnership working and positive teamwork.

Trustees' responsibilities:

- The overall direction of the Trust and its policies and future strategy.
- The accountability of the Trust to funders, partners and stakeholders.
- Financial viability and management.
- Effective governance arrangements including compliance with legal and regulatory obligations.

Financial Management responsibilities:

- Preparation of year-end statutory accounts.
- Budget Control.
- Understanding of Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP).
- Corporation Tax compliance as required.
- Preparation of the finance aspect of grant submissions and returns.
- Uploading/Approval of bank payments.
- Overall financial compliance.
- Preparation of financials for grant applications
- Grant return financial information as required by funders

Please see below for recruitment details:

- Applicants should send a brief CV including a statement of why you wish to be considered for the role of Trustee and addressing the listed characteristics.
- Please note that CVs and supporting statements will be reviewed in confidence by Trustees as part of our selection process.
- Completed applications should be returned to seanlaws.necpt@outlook.com by Friday 22 August. Applications may close earlier if we receive a high volume of applicants.

For more information about NECPT visit the Charity Commission website and use the Find a Charity button inserting our full name and Charity number 1161174:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/charity-commission>