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Good Company seeks trustees

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Trustee Opportunity –

Are you passionate about helping people in the local community? Do you want to help make a change to people's lives? If so, we have a fantastic opportunity to join our Trustee Board. Good Company (Surrey) is a local registered charity tackling poverty in Epsom, Ewell, Banstead, Tadworth, Leatherhead and surrounding areas. Our mission is to see a community free from poverty, where everyone can afford life's essentials. We welcome applicants with various talent and experience; however, we are particularly interested in those that have:· Lived experience of poverty· Legal sector experience· HR experience· Charity development experience. More information and how to apply below.

About Us

We run a number of different projects: ***Epsom and Ewell Foodbank which includes Leatherhead, Tadworth and Banstead centres*** Our foodbank was founded by local churches and community groups, working together towards stopping hunger in our local area. We are part of the Trussell Trust Network. Alongside the food we provide support, energy, school uniform and various other aspects to help local people. ***Epsom and Ewell Refugee Network*** An enthusiastic group of local people committed to the common goal of helping refugees and asylum seekers who find themselves in this area who need our help. ***East Surrey Poverty Truth Commission*** – Integral to our vision for a poverty-free future, we work alongside people with experience of using our foodbank, helping to raise awareness of the drivers of poverty and ensure that those affected by poverty are central to decisions about how to tackle it. ***Epsom Pantry*** A member-led community shop providing choice and low-cost, nutritious food alongside volunteering opportunities.

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We are currently seeking three **Trustees** to join the board who will bring in their experience and expertise to help maximise the impact of the work carried out by the charity. As part of the board, you will share responsibility for offering us strategic direction, leadership and a commitment to good governance. More information on the role of trustees in general can be *found here*. This is a volunteer post but all out-of-pocket expenses will be paid.

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We welcome applicants with various talent and experience; however, we are particularly interested in those that have:· Lived experience of poverty· Legal sector experience· HR experience· Charity development experience. The successful candidate must be passionate and committed to Good Company's mission, vision and values. The individual must also have an understanding and acceptance of the duties, responsibilities of trusteeship. We are looking for candidates that are willing to devote the necessary time and effort to ensure the charity is supporting the community at its best. We were founded on Christian values of being compassionate, kind, trusting, engaged, non-judgemental and resourcing. Not every member of the team is a Christian, but we all subscribe to the same values and hope that new team members will too. We are committed to diversifying our board of trustees so we can better understand how different people experience poverty and be better equipped to meet the wants and needs of our communities. We encourage applications from people with lived experience of poverty and from minoritised ethnic, disabled and LGBTQ+ communities. We will provide practical guidance for those unfamiliar with the trustee role and application process via a Meet the Trustees session (details below), and successful candidates will be supported through an induction scheme once in role.

Time Commitment: Six trustee meetings per year – 7.30pm to 9.00pm on a weekday evening, usually in person in an Epsom location. In between meetings, trustees may additionally be called on to provide advice and support to staff typically by reviewing and responding to plans and policies via email.

More information*:* If you have any queries or would like to know more about the trustee role, please sign up for one of our 'Trustee Opportunities' information sessions: In-person at 7.00 -8.00 pm 22 November https://www.eventbrite.com/e/450586685907 Or Online 7.00-8.00 pm 24 November https://www.eventbrite.com/e/450676504557).

Application process*:* Please email your CV along with a short covering note highlighting why you would like to join Good Company's Trustee Board to recruitment@goodcompany.org.uk by **10am 30 November**. If you have any general queries on this role, please contact Jonathan Lees, Managing Director & Founder on 07878 378946

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