

We are a small (income/expenditure around £100,000 a year) local charity that has been running since 1996. We run a bereavement counselling service for adults and children, and a cold weather shelter for the homeless in the winter months. Our offices are in St Mellitus RC church in N4. We have one full-time and five part-time staff, but over 500 volunteers of all ages and backgrounds who help with our projects. We aim to have up to 13 Trustees at any one time who meet every two months or so on a Monday evening for two hours normally at St John's Duncan Terrace [near the Angel, Islington]. The projects are managed in terms of day-to-day running by management committees, comprising staff, Trustees and volunteers. We now have spaces for more Trustees, and would welcome your application and interest!

Each Trustee must have:

- Integrity
- A commitment to Caris and its objectives
- An understanding and acceptance of the legal duties, responsibilities and liabilities of Trusteeship
- A willingness to devote the necessary time and effort to their duties as a Trustee
- Strategic vision
- Good, independent judgement
- An ability to think creatively and a willingness to speak their mind
- An ability to work effectively as a member of a team

Make up of the Board of Trustees

The board of Trustees will particularly benefit from skills and experience in the following areas:

- Setting targets, monitoring and evaluating performance and programmes in commercial and non profit organisations
- Financial management
- The type of work being done by Caris
- Legal matters
- Fundraising
- Recruitment and personnel management, including a knowledge of employment legislation and public relations
- Computers and information technology
- Education and learning.

If you are interested, please contact [carisislington@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:carisislington@yahoo.co.uk) with details of yourself and a brief CV, or write to the office at:

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