

TRUSTEE VACANCIES

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Yasha is a small but growing Christian outreach in Stoke-on-Trent, seeking to extend hope and freedom to women involved in prostitution and other forms of sexual exploitation. We believe that prostitution is rarely, if ever, a 'life-style choice' and is usually symptomatic of struggles with abuse, trauma and deprivation. As such it is frequently associated with addiction and shame.

We are hoping to register as a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) in the coming months and are currently seeking to grow our existing group of trustees by recruiting additional people with a strong belief in, and attraction to, our vision, aims and values.

We are particularly interested in hearing from people with any of the following skills/background:

- Legal expertise (whether advocacy-related or in terms of charity/employment law)
- Information and media technology
- Fundraising (respecting our choice to work outside National Lottery structures)
- Statutory sector experience (social work, probation, health care, etc)
- Drug and alcohol rehabilitation
- Trauma-informed therapy or practice

We also want to learn from survivors of sexual exploitation and very much believe that their input should guide our practice. If you have personal experience in this regard and are at a place of recovery where you believe you may be able to offer leadership insight, we want to hear from you. Finally, we are also keen to recruit someone who is willing to serve on the Board as a Christian leader. This person should have a strong commitment to prayer and intercession and be able to support the whole Yasha team in reflecting biblically and prayerfully on its ministry by rooting concepts of social justice in a 'whole Gospel' understanding of the *missio dei*.

If you have experience in any other area and feel drawn to find out more about us, we would still be glad to hear from you.

The Board will work closely with the Project Manager to deliver Yasha's mission and aims and to develop its future direction. Due to the nature of our ministry, it is an occupational requirement under the terms of the Equality Act 2010 for our trustees to be Christians. The Board need to be committed to prayer in determining strategy and decision-making and its members must be at home in this culture.

It is not necessary for all Board members to live in the Stoke-on-Trent area, but a commitment to the city and a willingness to travel here for face-to-face meetings (in addition to eventual online meetings) is important. Meetings are likely to take place every two months. We are not able to offer paid roles, but reasonable expenses can be covered.

For more information about Yasha, please visit our website – www.yasha.org.uk

To see a copy of our vision, mission, aims and values, and/or to register your interest in having an informal conversation about trusteeship, please e-mail info@yasha.org.uk