

## **TRUSTEE VACANCY**

### **Would you like to get involved in helping to improve the lives of local children with Down Syndrome?**

Downright Special is a charity which provides support to children with Down syndrome, their families and the professionals who work with them, across Hull and the East Riding of Yorkshire. Over the last 10 years we have supported over 100 children and their families to build a brighter future for our children. Over the next 10 years we aim to continue to deliver our priorities of education, support, advocacy and training to many other children and their families extending our support throughout their education.

As part of that we would like to involve more people in running the charity and shaping its future. We are currently looking for new trustees to join the board of trustees of Downright Special. We are interested in applications from people from a diverse range of professional backgrounds e.g. Education, HR, Law, Accounting, Finance, Marketing

### **The Role**

Trustees are responsible for ensuring the effective running of the charity, making sure that it complies with all its statutory requirements and ensuring it is continually working to enable people with Down syndrome in Hull and East Yorkshire attain their full potential. Working closely with the Charity Manager, trustees are also responsible for developing the strategy for the charity, for maintaining financial controls, ensuring the charity has robust governance process in place, for promoting the charity and for making sure that we are working for the benefit of the children and families who are part of the Downright Special family.

### **Skills Required**

- A passion for ensuring children with Down syndrome reach their full potential, fully included in all aspects of life
- Ability to challenge, interrogate data and provide support to the management team
- Good communication skills with an ability to contribute objectively to discussions and debate.
- Previous experience of involvement in the voluntary sector is not essential but would be an advantage

### **Commitment**

- Attendance at 6 trustees meetings per year (usually meetings take place on Monday evenings 8-10pm)
- Hours vary depending on the individual's own availability and desire to take on additional responsibilities outside of meetings
- Comply with the Charity Commission guidance for Trustees

### **How to apply**

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