

Trusteeship

About the Voscur Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees ensures that Voscur adheres to its Charitable Objectives to:

- build the capacity of third sector organisations and support their work;
- facilitate partnership working between third sector, public and any other relevant bodies.

The Board of Trustees makes sure that Voscur is responsive to members by reviewing our work, responding to what members tell us and developing/ reviewing organisational strategy. Members of the Board of Trustees bring their planning, management, financial, and personnel skills to bear, so Voscur can develop as a strong organisation that takes care of its resources, including the staff team.

People who join the Board of Trustees share their skills and experience and develop new skills and expertise, taking these back into their own groups. Joining our Board of Trustees can help strengthen your group too.

It's important that our member groups participate fully in the Board of Trustees – this ensures all our work is underpinned by the views of people active in local communities (in neighbourhoods and of different interests).

The Voscur board is currently made up of 14 Trustees, including a Chair, two Vice-chairs and a Treasurer.

A maximum of 15 trustees can sit on the board – these trustees are elected from the Voscur Membership, although two trustees can be co-opted.

All Trustees serve a three year term of office with a maximum of two consecutive full terms.

Board meetings are held approximately 6 times per year and currently take place on Wednesday afternoons in a central Bristol location.

Duties of the Voscur Board of Trustees include:

- Ensuring Voscur complies with its charitable objectives.
- Reviewing and responding to issues and comments raised by Voscur members.
- Reviewing the range of partnerships in which Voscur participates, and recommending priorities to the Voscur Annual General Meeting.
- Receiving and approving regular financial reports, and ensuring Voscur follows good financial practices.
- Ensuring that Voscur complies with all its employer responsibilities.
- Ensuring that Voscur's work plan is carried out.
- Reviewing Voscur's reports to funders.
- From time to time, reviewing Voscur's employment and financial policies and practices, and acting on new legislation affecting Voscur.
- Preparing for and attending Board meetings (held approximately every six weeks).

For further details please see the accompanying role description.