

Bridewell Gardens

Trustee role – Mental Health Professionals

About Us

Bridewell is a mental health charity using gardening and working in nature to support people recovering from serious mental ill health. From a walled garden and vineyard in West Oxfordshire, Bridewell provides the time and space for people to find hope in recovery.

About the Role – Trustee responsibilities

Specific Skills: We are looking for trustees who can strengthen Bridewell's Board of Trustees with professional experience of working with people with severe mental illness, for example in nursing, occupational therapy, social work, psychology or psychiatry.

If you don't have these specific skills – please look at our other trustee vacancies.

The Board of Trustees has collective responsibilities:

- To agree a clear and focussed strategy for Bridewell;
- To monitor progress against the strategy and agreed plans;
- To make sure Bridewell meets its legal and financial obligations as a registered charity;
- To make sure Bridewell is financially stable and spending its funds in line with its charitable objectives;
- To approve and monitor the implementation of Bridewell's policies and procedures.

Each trustee:

- brings their own experience and areas of expertise
- acts as an ambassador for the organisation helping to promote Bridewell's work
- shares Bridewell's values: hope in recovery, the importance of structure and routine, the power of community

Commitment:

- Participation in 4 Board meetings a year: 1.5 - 2 hour meeting with papers read in advance. Meetings are held in person at Bridewell.
- Participation in 4 Sub Committee meetings a year: 1 - 1.5hr meeting with papers read in advance. Meetings are held either in person or online.
- Expenses are paid, for example to cover the cost of travel to meetings.

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About You – Skills and experience

For the role of Trustee: Mental Health Professional, you will:

- have current or recent experience of working in a professional capacity in the mental health system supporting people who have severe and enduring mental health conditions. For example as a nurse, social worker, occupational therapist, psychologist, or psychiatrist.
- have an understanding of the impact serious mental illness can have on people's lives
- have knowledge or interest in the voluntary sector and of the role of a trustee (previous trustee experience is not required)
- be willing to find out about and accept the legal duties, responsibilities and liabilities of being a trustee
- demonstrate integrity and good, independent judgement
- have a commitment to Bridewell's work, the values of the organisation and its charitable objectives

To apply

- Please contact our Director, Ruth Madder, if you would like an informal conversation to find out more about the organisation and the role of trustee.
- A CV and supporting statement should be sent to info@bridewellgardens.org.
- Please include in your statement why you are motivated to apply for this role and how you meet the skills and experience we are looking for.
- Candidates will be invited to visit Bridewell to find out more about the service and role of trustee.
- Shortlisted candidates will be interviewed by representatives of our Board of Trustees.

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