

Would you like to make a difference in mental health in South London? Join the Maudsley Charity as a trustee and be part of an organisation working with incredible partners to improve the lives of people experiencing mental illness now and for generations to come.

It's an exciting time to join and help shape the direction of a charity which has a rich history and big ambitions for the future.

Based in South London, we work closely with South London & Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust, Kings College London and a wide range of community organisations across Lewisham, Lambeth, Croydon and Southwark.

We have committed more than £25 million in our current strategic plan to projects which make a positive difference in mental health. But we want to do much more. The work of our partners means that we can have both a local and a national impact.

Mental illness does not affect all parts of our local communities equally. Ethnicity and deprivation are two factors that have a big influence on how likely someone is to become unwell. They also impact their experience of care and recovery. We are increasingly focussed on these issues and believe that, to be effective in improving mental health in South London, we need a good understanding of the priorities and perspectives of our local communities.

Are you committed to improving the lives of people struggling with mental health issues in South London?

We are currently looking for two new trustees.

We are particularly keen to attract at least one trustee who feels they can bring to the charity one or more of the following:

- a deep-rooted knowledge of community organisations and/or community-based healthcare initiatives
- knowledge of what it takes to nurture and build trust, particularly in communities which are often marginalised and excluded
- well-networked with other individuals and organisations who generate change in South London
- experience of leadership in a paid or voluntary role

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In return, you will join a collaborative and supportive board (additional support will be given to first-time trustees) who are committed to helping the charity achieve its strategic goals.

We are open to applications from people with experience on charity boards and from those for whom this would be their first trustee role.

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Commitment: 5 meetings per year including one Away Day. We would like the appointed candidates to join one of our committees/grants panels which will require a further 2 to 3 meetings per year. Meetings are currently online but usually take place at ORTUS Centre at Denmark Hill.

Length of Service: Trustees are appointed for an initial term of 3 Years. Board Members can be re-appointed for 3 consecutive terms, up to a maximum of 9 years.

Expenses: While this role is not remunerated, Trustees will receive reimbursement for expenses incurred during work on behalf of the Maudsley Charity.

For more information, including the full recruitment information pack and details of how to apply, please visit our website www.maudsleycharity.org and for the full recruitment pack and details on how to apply follow this link <https://jobs.prospect-us.co.uk/jobs/details/hq00178170>

Closing date: Monday 8 March 2021