



Blairgowrie & Rattray Development Trust is Recruiting to the Board Information Sheet September 2020

About the Trust

The Trust is a relatively young organisation which has come a long way since its creation in May 2018. We support a successful community-led programme of regeneration projects, raising considerable funds for a number of town improvement initiatives. Recent awards included sizeable grants for the local Coronavirus Response and for the purchase of land to develop a community garden in Rattray.

The Trust was a member of the Blairgowrie & Rattray Coronavirus Coordination Group helping those needing support during the lock down period. We manage Booklore with a team of fantastic volunteers – this is a second-hand community book shop also retailing local arts and crafts and an iKnow Perthshire Visitor Information Centre. The Trust publishes the popular quarterly Hub magazine delivered to over 5000 local households.

We are proud to be the town's 'Anchor Organisation'- a central coordinating body supporting partnership working, communications, community involvement, building effective working relationships with the local Council, Scottish Government and their agencies. The Trust is also the custodian of the local Community Action Plan – driving forward a number of town improvements in partnership with eighteen other local groups. Visit our website for information about the full scope of our work – www.brdt.org.uk

Succession Plan

The Trust has reached an exciting transitional period in its ongoing development. Succession planning is now needed to ensure we sustain an effective Board for the future and to take us through the next phase of our town's regeneration programme and community action planning.

We are seeking six new Trustees including the appointment of a new Chair to take the Trust forward into its next phase of supporting communities and organisations to deliver the absolute best for the benefit of the town.

The Roles

The Chair will provide leadership to the Board of Trustees and ensure that each fulfil their duties and responsibilities for the effective governance and deliver the planned outcomes of the Trust. They will be an ambassador and public face of the organisation alongside the Board, Volunteers and Staff; whilst ensuring the organisation operates well and works effectively with community partners, funders and stakeholders to achieve agreed objectives.

Trustee roles require a mix of specialist and generalist competencies. We particularly welcome people from all walks of life with the following experience and skills - financial expertise, fundraising, business and enterprise, retail management, climate change and environment, communication, (digital) marketing, publicity and promotion, legal knowledge - particularly in the area of charities, supporting volunteers, asset and facilities management and human resources.

Other roles which may require less commitment but are just as important include Advisors to the Board, Volunteers for specific projects to be undertaken through the Community Action Plan, Fundraisers and Booklore Community Bookshop retail assistants.

About You

We welcome people from diverse and varied backgrounds, valuing commitment and experience as much as qualifications. The Chair and Trustee roles require a time commitment such as meeting preparation, attendance at planning events, twelve Board meetings per year and any specific activities related to your specialist or generalist areas of responsibility. Primarily you will connect with other Board members, the Development Team and Volunteers in the Bookshop.

Our Offer to You

We will support, guide and help you in this rewarding, challenging and satisfying role and provide training on a variety of topics relevant to the governance and business of a Development Trust. This role is non-remunerated, however reasonable out of pocket expenses will be paid.

Get in Touch

Interested? Please download the Contact Form from BRDT.org.uk which should be completed in full and emailed to admin@brdt.org.uk

For an informal discussion about any of the roles, or for more information please contact Stuart Nichol, Chair 07904 857039

Information that you provide in your Contact Form will be used for Trustee and Volunteer appointment purposes only.