





'Inspiring and connecting future trustees locally'

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Thinking of becoming a Trustee, but unsure what the role involves? Sign up to the Smile Trustee Academy.

The Smile Trustee Academy is designed for individuals who are thinking about becoming a trustee. It is an 'online' learning programme, made up of five sessions, delivered weekly over five weeks, to provide insight and knowledge of a trustee role.

Thanks to sponsorship from Smailes Goldie, individuals can apply to join the Smile Trustee Academy by completing a short application form, to receive a funded place.

The Smile Trustee Academy is part of The Smile Trustee Network which aims to:



Develop the skills, confidence & potential of trustee Boards



Inspire & connect new trustees to great causes



Create a supportive Network of trustees across the region Quality trustees are vital to the success of a charity and HEY Smile Foundation recognises the need for more outstanding trustees to support charities across our local area.

Just over 80% of charities registered to benefit from Smile services have highlighted the need for new trustees to join their charity. This reflects the level of the national trustee crisis with a significant lack of new trustees entering the sector.

We see individuals from local businesses and public sector services who have the skills required to become a great trustee, however, lack the knowledge and confidence of what becoming a trustee really involves.

To find out more or to register your place please contact Alice Edmondson: ae@heysmilefoundation.org





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Why join The Trustee Academy?

Learning & Development:

The programme is an excellent learning and development opportunity for people looking to enhance their skill set, which can be incorporated into personal development plans.

Giving Back:

Becoming a trustee is a great way to use and develop skills and give something back to the local community, helping to make the charity sector stronger and more resilient.

Networking:

Candidates develop lasting relationships with their programme peers, providing the opportunity for individuals to share best practice and experience of their own trustee boards. A go-to network for sharing advice and quidance.

Trustee Matching:

We can advise of appropriate charities that match your personal interests as well as your skill set.