

Introduction

PAPYRUS is a registered charity and a company limited by guarantee. It is committed to the prevention of young suicide and to the promotion of positive mental health and well-being. Founded in 1997 by parents whose son or daughter had taken their own life, its membership is open to anyone interested in reducing the numbers of young people who take their own lives in the UK.

We would like to remind all members that they are eligible to apply to become a Trustee of PAPYRUS. Trustees are both Trustees of the Charity and Directors of the Company. We currently have 11 elected trustees and one vacancy. Four trustees will complete their two year term in October and may stand for re-election. Should there be more applicants than places, a secret ballot will take place.

Following the election of a Trustees Management Committee, the members of the committee will appoint a Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary. Trustees are responsible for making sure that PAPYRUS is run in accordance with both charity and company law, and for determining the strategic direction of the charity. Trustees ensure that PAPYRUS, as an organisation, reflects the views of its members in any public statement.

● What sort of people become Trustees?

PAPYRUS wishes to attract people from a wide range of backgrounds who want to play an active part in its growth and development. We need people who can give their time, knowledge and experience to the benefit of the charity. This includes, for example, a background in business, finance, suicide prevention, working for other charities, working in health or education and/or personal experience of dealing with or loss through suicide. Please note that you cannot be a charity trustee if you are under 18 years of age or are disqualified under section 72 of the Charities Act 1993 (see below).

● What commitment is required?

Trustees need to understand and support the work of PAPYRUS, and to keep themselves informed about the affairs of the organisation by reading reports, keeping up to date with current information and attending meetings. There are six management meetings per year which take place on Saturdays and mostly in Birmingham with one in Burnley and another in London. In order to make an effective contribution to the running of PAPYRUS Trustees are required to attend at least three meetings per year and are encouraged to attend all six wherever possible. Some Trustees also sit on the Business Committee which meets in Burnley and oversees the operational side of the charity.

● Are expenses payable?

Trustees can claim travel expenses and other reasonable out of pocket expenses while undertaking PAPYRUS business. This includes travel for management meetings.

The recruitment of committed trustees is key to PAPYRUS' future. You may know someone suitable who is not currently a member of PAPYRUS. They can also become involved as Trustees by simply joining as a member at the same time as they submit their nomination form. The brief statement provided by candidates on the nomination form will be circulated to all members who attend the AGM.

For a nomination form or if you need more information please contact the office below.

The closing date for receipt of nomination forms is 31 August 2010.

Many thanks and best wishes
Anne Parry, Chair.

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Please note:

Section 72 of the Charities Act 1993 states that Persons are disqualified for being trustees of a charity if:

- (a)** he/she has been convicted of any offence involving dishonesty or deception;
 - (b)** he/she has been adjudged bankrupt or sequestration of his/her estate has been awarded and (in either case) he/she has not been discharged;
 - (c)** he/she has made a composition or arrangement with, or granted a trust deed for, his/her creditors and has not been discharged in respect of it;
 - (d)** he/she has been removed from the office of charity trustee or trustee for a charity by an order made on the grounds of any misconduct or mismanagement in the administration of the charity for which he/she was responsible or to which he/she was privy, or which he/she by his/her conduct contributed to or facilitated;
 - (e)** he/she has been removed, under section 7 of the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1990 (powers of Court of Session to deal with management of charities), from being concerned in the management or control of any body;
 - (f)** he/she is subject to a disqualification order under the [1986 c. 46.] Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986 or to an order made under section 429(2)(b) of the [1986 c. 45.] Insolvency Act 1986 (failure to pay under county court administration order).
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