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Patron - HRH The Princess Royal

WETWHEELS FOUNDATION TRUSTEE – AN INVITATION TO APPLY

“There is something very special about being on the water. For someone with a disability, being at sea offers unparalleled freedoms.”

Geoff Holt MBE DL Founder and Trustee

As a Trustee with The Wetwheels Foundation you will help to shape the future of this special charity.

Vision:

To ensure everyone can access the water with a safe, barrier-free, enriching experience.

Mission Statement

Wetwheels offers a unique opportunity for disabled and disadvantaged people of all ages - including those with multiple, profound and complex impairments - to access the water.

Central to our experience is active participation - helping to broaden aspirations, increase confidence and directly impact on health and wellbeing.

We continually innovate through new technologies, and improve the service we provide through the excellence of our teams and feedback from participants.

We ensure a sustainable operation with a range of income streams, funding and support.

By 2025, we aim to support 12,000 people every year in a Wetwheels experience across the UK, with the widest reach and awareness possible.



Our latest boat Wetwheels South West launched in September 2020

Our future is bright

We are entering a new and exciting phase in the evolution of our charity. But this is against the back drop of an incredibly challenging year for everyone, linked to the COVID 19 pandemic. We are determined to emerge having a positive strategy for growth that will allow us to enhance the lives of the people we support, their families and carers.

Our founder and Trustee Geoff Holt MBE DL, himself a disabled yachtsman, created Wetwheels because he believed that all disabled people had the right to access the sea and to experience the same sense of independence and wonder he himself enjoys on the water. We have 6 state-of-the-art accessible power boats, with the latest being delivered in September of 2020. Our ultimate goal is to have a wider network strategically embedded in coastal communities around the UK. These will provide truly barrier-free boating for all disabled people for whom in many cases, it is a life-changing experience.

Our recently updated Development Plan is ambitious but achievable. We already have a great team but wish to further strengthen our Board of Trustees to support its delivery and help develop this long-term strategy. This is whilst complying with charity law and any other relevant legislation, with our participants at our heart.

Who are we looking for?

We are seeking up to 3 Trustees with backgrounds / experience in one or more of the following areas (although this is not an exhaustive list):

- Finance
- Governance
- Commerce, business and / or fundraising
- Legal

In addition we would welcome hearing from you if:

- You are able to communicate and network effectively and would enjoy working as part of a close knit team of volunteers, supported by our Chief Executive.
- You can demonstrate independent judgement, an ability to think creatively and a willingness to speak your mind.
- You have a real passion for our work and are willing to be an advocate in relation to networking and profile raising.
- You have lived life experience of disability – be it directly, through caring or your professional background.
- You can demonstrate an appreciation and acceptance of the legal duties and responsibilities of Trusteeship.

Working Together

In the role of Trustee you will support the vision and the direction of the charity. We will ask you to attend up to 8 Trustee meetings each year to provide strategic oversight (please see below for attendance and flexible working practices).

In addition, there will be varied engagement with the charity, and an average time commitment for this role is c. 4 to 6 hours per month.

This may be for planned Trustee oversight, projects, or to respond to events and ad hoc issues that require Trustee input. Examples include scrutinising Board papers, reviewing financial performance, and exploring how we can enhance our reach and impact as a charity, and aspire to grow. We will provide induction support and

ongoing development and training to fulfil the role. The role has no remuneration but we reimburse any out of pocket expenses.

As well as us benefitting from your skills and experience, you will be able to take the following from your role:

- Development of new knowledge and skill-sets as we steward the charity.
- Enjoyment - we are highly professional but we enjoy what we do, with a real sense of giving back to local communities.
- Meeting new people - we are small but have extensive reach in the maritime, voluntary and corporate sectors.
- Flexibility - we have adapted our work practices to continue to manage the charity through online meetings, email and social distancing where required. This also reflects the busy lives of our Trustees and their other commitments.

Let's keep it simple. We know you're busy. At this stage all we need from you is a copy of your CV and covering letter of up to two pages, explaining why you would like to join us. If you meet our criteria, we'll then be in touch to arrange a discussion so you can find out more, and we can discuss our requirements and your questions.

If you would like to discuss the role informally, please contact Chair of Trustees Andy Fell via andy@wetwheelsfoundation.org or call 07825 686 861.

We welcome applications from people with different backgrounds who will increase the diversity of our Board.

For more information visit our website www.wetwheelsfoundation.org and please send your application to andy@wetwheelsfoundation.org

Deadline for applications is 15th February 2021. Thank you.



Geoff launching a new Wetwheels Solent boat, with young people from Treloar School & College