

The Role of Our Trustees



Guildford Town Centre Chaplaincy is a Christian initiative started in 2008, based upon the support of churches in and around the town, from a wide variety of denominations. Our commitment is to showing the love of Christ to our town. We are proud to have an innovative and cutting edge ministry in the social, commercial, business and educational life of the town and have also built an enviable reputation among the public, the emergency services and civic institutions. We touch both the night-time and the daytime economies, reaching people in places of need in their everyday lives. We need people with a heart for our projects, from a diversity of backgrounds, to journey with us.

We are a registered Charity and therefore are governed by charity law and a Board of Trustees. It is vital that our work is overseen by women and men who are willing to act as Trustees who hold these values and share our commitments.

Our Trustees therefore collectively ensure that our values and characteristics are maintained in our varied projects and activities. They set our future vision, both short and long-term. The Board is responsible for oversight of our staff team and volunteers, and for sound financial planning and management. Importantly, they are also collectively responsible for safeguarding, and managing our risks.

Being a Trustee can be an exciting and rewarding role.

Trustees bring a wide variety of different skills, which they contribute as part of the team. Everyone is unique and we value the particular skills of each member of the Board. Examples of the skills our Board particularly value are; Safeguarding, Experience of caring professions/police, Administration, IT/Digital (web/technology/social media), Church Leadership, Enterprise/business development/strategy, Finance, Fund raising and events, HR/Training/ people development, Legal, Voluntary/charity sector experience

However, whatever your gifts and experience, we are interested in hearing from you if you feel attracted to serve and be part of our vision.

We meet as a Board 3-4 times a year, at times convenient to the members. Each Board member has a different involvement, or interest in, the ongoing projects (currently; Street Angels, Community Angels and Volunteer Chaplains). In support of the Board, we have established three subgroups, one for finance, one for communications and fundraising and one for reviewing policies and procedures. Board members can offer to be part of one of these, and also may be invited to take

Our Core Values:

- Selflessness
- Non-judgmental
- Integrity
- Honesty
- Professionalism
- Collaboration
- Excellence
- Inclusivity

on certain special areas of interest according to their skills. Board members are ambassadors for the Chaplaincy in their own communities and churches, and we hope give prayer support as well as their time, to the role. Board members will often be seen at public events and fundraising for the charity which are not only important but can be great fun!

We have no fixed term of office for Board members, and this flexibility allows us to gratefully accept the contributions that each individual is able to make, be it just for a couple of years, or considerably longer.

The charity currently employs three people; the Town Chaplain (our CEO), a Street Angels Coordinator and a Community Angels Coordinator. Currently, we are recruiting a Project Support Assistant who will join us in the autumn of 2019. We rely on around 130 volunteers to resource our activities and are dependent on donations from a range of sources to fund our £84,000 annual expenditure.

GTCC currently run 3 distinct projects within Guildford:

Our **Street Angels** teams are well-known in Guildford's town centre streets late on a Friday and Saturday nights for their calming presence, offering practical care and support for anyone in their time of need.

Community Angels are volunteers who befriend vulnerable adults who may face loneliness and isolation.

Volunteer Chaplains provide spiritual and emotional support in the workplace and public spaces such as shopping centres, businesses, the police station and the Borough Council.

Further information is available on our website www.gtcc.org.uk

If this is something you would like to consider, our Chair, Chris Britton will be happy to chat to you on 07481 333997.

The next step, should you be interested, is to apply in writing telling us about yourself and why you are interested in the role. Please attach a brief resumé of your experience and address your correspondence to;

Chris Britton, Chair of GTCC Board of Trustees,
GTCC Office, c/o Guildford YMCA, Bridge Street, Guildford, GU1 4SB

There is no formal deadline for any expressions of interest. For information, we hope to make our first appointments in Oct/Nov 2019, but timing will be flexible to suit circumstances.