STONEGROVE COMMUNITY TRUST · ONESTONEGROVE

Become a trustee

Trustee recruitment pack 2026

We need more trustees, and you don't need to have done it before. This pack tells you what the role involves and how to apply. We take applications all year round.

Who we are

Stonegrove Community Trust is a small charity run by local residents in Edgware, North London. People living here set it up in 2014, when the Stonegrove estate was rebuilt, so the new community centre at its heart would be run by and for them.

We run OneStonegrove, a building we share with St Peter's Church. It welcomes around 72,000 visits a year to about 30 activities a week, run by us or our partners. They range from our over-60s Social Club, youth club and Gardening Club to exercise classes, tutoring and dance. Hiring out our halls pays for the open door.

It's a good time to join. We're finishing a new strategy for 2027 to 2029, and new trustees will help put it into practice.

What trustees do

Trustees are in charge of the charity. You won't run things day to day: our CEO and staff do that. Your job, together with the rest of the board, is to make sure the charity is well run and does what it's for.

As a board, we:

- set our direction and agree our plans
- keep an eye on our money and make sure it's well spent
- support our CEO and hold them to account
- make sure we follow the law and keep people safe
- make sure everyone feels welcome at OneStonegrove, whatever their background
- speak up for OneStonegrove and help us find new partners, supporters and funders

You share these duties with the other trustees. Nobody does it alone, and you can always ask.

The time it takes

- **Board meetings:** 4 a year, in person at OneStonegrove.
- **Reading:** papers come out before each meeting. Allow time to read them and come with questions.
- **In between:** there are subgroups and other commitments between meetings. How much time these take varies through the year.
- **How long:** you join for 3 years. You can then stay for another 3 if you'd like. In exceptional cases, a trustee can serve a third term.

Who we're looking for

People who care about this place. You don't need board experience or a professional background. We'll help you learn. What matters is that you care about the community and are willing to give some time.

You can join as:

- **a resident trustee**, if you live on the Stonegrove estate or close by
- **a co-opted trustee**, if you bring skills we need. You can live anywhere

We especially want to hear from local residents. Our board should look like the estate: people of different ages, backgrounds and faiths (and none), whether you rent or own your home.

Some skills would really help us. You don't need any of them to apply.

- business or charity leadership
- governance experience, such as sitting on another board
- money and accounts
- fundraising
- law
- the environment
- equality and inclusion
- marketing and communications

What you get

- **A welcome.** An induction when you join, so you know how the charity works and who's who.
- **Training and support.** We'll help you learn the role, and other trustees and our CEO are there to answer questions.
- **Expenses.** Trustees aren't paid, but we cover reasonable out-of-pocket expenses.
- **A real say.** You'll help shape the future of a building that thousands of local people use every year.
- **New skills and experience.** Being a trustee looks good on a CV and teaches you a lot about how organisations work.

All our trustees need a DBS check.

How to apply

There's no closing date. Apply whenever you're ready.

1. **Tell us about yourself.** There's no form. Send whatever suits you best to trustees@sct.london: a short note on why you'd like to join, your CV, a video, or anything else. Please also fill in our equal opportunities monitoring form.
2. **Come for a chat and a tour.** You'll meet our CEO, see the building and ask anything you like.
3. **Meet some of the board.** We'll send you the questions in advance, so you can prepare in your own time.

Not sure yet? Email Gus Alston, our CEO, at gus@sct.london for an informal chat. If being a trustee isn't right for you, he can tell you about other ways to get involved.

Find out more

About us

- Our story: how OneStonegrove started and what happens here
- Our values
- Our record on the Charity Commission register: our accounts, annual reports and trustees

About being a trustee

- 5-minute guides for charity trustees: short, plain guides from the Charity Commission
- The essential trustee: the Charity Commission's full guide to the role

> **Get in touch.** Email trustees@sct.london to apply, or gus@sct.london for a chat first.

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