



Trustee @ ParkPlay

Become a trustee and help ParkPlay **build happier, healthier communities nationwide through the life-changing power of play.**

ParkPlay is a young and ambitious Sport England supported charity that was founded in 2020 and has been fully operational for almost 4 years. We're growing and evolving, and building a team to further expand ParkPlay across the UK. ParkPlay supports communities, especially in areas of higher deprivation and health inequality, organise their own free, fun, and inclusive sessions in local parks every weekend, improving wellbeing, reducing social isolation, and creating stronger communities. We are looking for new trustees to join the existing board, adding important skills, experiences and diversity to the running and governance of the charity.

The role

Trustees at ParkPlay play a vital role in ensuring the organisation is well managed, achieves its mission, and is financially sustainable. Trustees provide strategic direction, oversee governance, ensure the delivery of the aims and objectives of the charity, and support the executive team in delivering ParkPlay's vision. This is a voluntary role that requires a commitment to ParkPlay's long-term impact and success. The translation of strategy into action is the responsibility of the executive team, under the direction of the CEO.

Key responsibilities (all trustees)

- Governance and compliance - understand our legal responsibilities and ensure accountability and compliance with our governance framework, safeguarding and all legal and regulatory requirements.
- Strategic Leadership - contribute to the development and implementation of ParkPlay's strategic goals, ensuring alignment with its mission and values.
- Financial oversight - monitor the charity's financial health, approve budgets, and support fundraising efforts to ensure long-term sustainability.
- Risk Management - identify and mitigate key risks that could impact the charity's ability to operate effectively.
- Advocacy and networking - act as an ambassador for ParkPlay, leveraging networks to raise awareness, secure funding, and build partnerships.
- Support and challenge - provide guidance, constructive challenge, and encouragement to the executive team, ensuring effective delivery of programmes.
- Culture - play an active role in developing and maintaining a positive organisational culture within ParkPlay.

- Fundraising - active participation in all aspects of fundraising, including leveraging their personal networks for the benefit of ParkPlay

Who We're Looking For

We are committed to a diverse board which brings varied perspectives and experiences, enhances our decision-making and incorporates community representation. Trustees should have extensive and varied life experiences, be motivated by social impact, and have a strong interest in public health and wellbeing. Trustees should all also have senior leadership experience and show demonstrable energy and enthusiasm for contributing advice and guidance as a key member of the ParkPlay board of trustees.

We are particularly interested in candidates with expertise in one or more of the following areas:

Charity fundraising & strategic management

- Proven track record in non-profit financial sustainability
- Experience in developing innovative fundraising strategies
- Ability to build compelling narratives that attract support and investment

Mental and physical health sector expertise

- Professional background in healthcare, public health or related fields
- Strategic perspective on systemic health and social challenges
- Network of connections within the health system

Public sector and local government insight

- Experience of government and regulatory landscapes
- Understanding of public policy development
- Strong relationships within local government and community leadership

Business and charitable giving leadership

- Corporate social responsibility expertise
- Experience in individual and corporate philanthropy
- Ability to leverage business networks for social impact

What You'll Gain

- The opportunity to make a real difference to the lives of individuals and communities across the country
- Experience in charity governance and leadership
- Access to a strong network of individuals passionate about social impact

Commitment and expectations

Term - every trustee has an annual review with the Chair. The maximum term of office is six years: a 2-year term which can be renewed up to a maximum of 3 times. ParkPlay is a charitable company and ParkPlay trustees are also Directors of ParkPlay Ltd - a private company limited by guarantee without share capital.

Time commitment - estimated 1-2 days per month. This includes:

- Attending six board meetings a year, ideally in person, but joining meetings online is also a possibility. Meetings are held mainly in London.
- Visiting ParkPlays and attending occasional fundraising or networking events
- Being available for ad-hoc advice and support to the executive team.

Reasonable out of pocket expenses will be reimbursed.

See www.park-play.com and the [Charity Commission website](#) for more information about ParkPlay. Our governing document is available [here](#).

Interested?

If you are interested in becoming a trustee we'd love to hear from you. Please email trustees@park-play.com telling us briefly what you would bring to the role and we will be in touch.