



GET ON BOARD WITH WEST MERCIA WOMEN'S AID

Are you a woman who would like to join us as a volunteer Trustee on our Board?

A Trustee role with us is one of the best contributions you can make to help us tackle domestic abuse in West Mercia.

We would love to hear from you if you are passionate about helping us create a better future for those whose lives have been affected by domestic abuse.

As the leading regional specialist organisation, West Mercia Women's Aid (WMWA) works to empower those whose lives have been affected by gender-based/intimate partner violence and abuse, providing a range of services in Herefordshire, Worcestershire, Shropshire, and Telford & Wrekin.

Our Board composition has changed significantly over the past year, and we are now looking to recruit an additional Trustee who has time to commit to this valuable role. The succession of the Board is essential, and we are keen to recruit women who have a mix of skills that complement and add value and diversity to our existing team of Trustees.

Trustees on our Board are passionate and dedicated to our role and mission and work together as a team, they have a variety of skills, talents, and experiences and come from all walks of life. Although not essential, we welcome applications from women who have experience, or an understanding of, domestic abuse. Ex-service users are particularly welcome although at least 2 years must have elapsed since using our services.

We provide a comprehensive induction programme and mentoring support to new trustees, both to develop their skills as well as to build up a detailed knowledge of our work.

The minimum expected time commitment is to attend quarterly Board meetings (usually 5.30pm) and at least one quarterly Committee meeting (usually between 10am and 5.30pm). Meetings mostly take place on Tuesdays and usually last 2.5 hours. In order to participate, Trustees will need time to read Committee and Board papers prior to each meeting. We are currently holding meetings online, although these may become more hybrid. In addition, we hold 'in person' Board Away Days each year and there are other activities and events that we would love you to get involved with such as training, quarterly staff conferences, or task groups. Some events are held in person and all out of pocket expenses will be reimbursed.

We are committed to ensuring that our Board is fully reflective of diversity and welcome applications from all sections of the community. We will provide support as needed for Trustees to fulfil their role. To find out more about being a Trustee go to <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/charity-trustee-whats-involved>.

For an application pack, please contact Sue Brazendale, Clerk to the Board of Trustees on 01432 356146 or email sue.brazendale@wmwa.org.uk

Closing date for applications is Friday 3rd February 2023.

Visit our website <https://www.westmerciawomensaid.org> for full details of our work.