



SURREY YOUTH FOCUS

Improving the lives of young people by supporting our members

Young Trustee Needed!

The Trustees of Surrey Youth Focus have made a policy decision to recruit a young Trustee on to its Board from amongst its membership, with immediate effect.

SYF is a long established and highly regarded membership organisation providing support services to over 80 youth organisations in Surrey.

Why?

Our strapline states that we exist ***“to improve the lives of young people by supporting our members,”*** so we need to ensure that we have the perspective of young people voiced directly to the Board, in addition to being mediated through member organisations. The Board wants to have a young Trustee (aged between 16-24) so that it can have the benefit of a more contemporary voice and opinion on the issues it faces, and that are faced by Surrey’s young people.

What’s the deal?

The Board has four meetings a year (plus an Annual General Meeting) that take place at 6.00pm in the evening. Meetings are held at the SYF offices at Astolat, Burpham, Guildford.

The Board comprises up to 5 Independent Trustees (chosen because of particular skills in accountancy, marketing, business links etc) and up to 10 Member Trustees.

Surrey Youth Focus has dual registration as both a company (so you’d be a company director) and a charity (and a trustee) but the Board prefers to refer to itself as a Board of Trustees. Legally you’d have a responsibility to ensure that Surrey Youth Focus was managed well, and in a way that was financially responsible.

You will need to read the agenda papers, form views – ideally in consultation with other young people- and be ready to express them at the Board meetings. You would be supported in this role by one of the Trustees (Matt Joblin, Director of the Community Film Unit) who will act as your mentor at least in the early stages if you so wish.

Surrey Youth Focus would pay travel expenses for you to attend the meetings, but otherwise directors/trustees are unpaid.

How would I benefit?

You would benefit in a number of ways, by:

- Being a company director would look impressive on any CV
- Having the satisfaction of influencing a leading charity in Surrey
- Being able to learn about governance (how organisations run)
- Polishing your skills of public speaking, and working in groups.

Interested?

Contact: Mike Abbott, Chief Executive

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Alternatively talk to Matt Joblin on 07531 449921 or 01784 558003.

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