



TastEd Trustee Role Description

1. Not been a trustee before?

Don't worry. You don't necessarily have to have board experience to become a trustee, as training will be provided. We welcome applications from all ages and backgrounds and particularly welcome applications from people of colour, with a disability, under 35, over 70 and from across the U.K. as we want our board to better represent the community we serve.

2. Who is TastEd?

TastEd is a relatively new charity helping children learn to love eating vegetables and fruit, through using their senses. We support schools, nurseries and local and national government by providing them with training, and free resources that are fun, hands on and easy to use. We currently have over 800 schools and nurseries signed up, and we are looking for a new Trustee to help TastEd achieve its ambition to have sensory food education taught in every UK primary school and nursery.

3. What is a trustee?

The Charity Commission defines trustees as people who lead a charity and decide how it is run. Our board currently has 5 members with a range of skills and experiences. We are currently recruiting 2 new members, including a treasurer. The responsibilities and commitment of a TastEd trustee are:

- A commitment to support the purpose, objects and values of TastEd
- Understand the importance and purpose of meetings, and be committed to preparing for them adequately and attending them regularly. Pre meeting reading usually requires 1 hour.
- To analyse information and, when necessary, challenge constructively.
- Attend trustee meetings 4 times a year, for 2 hours, alternating between online and in person. In person meetings consider trustee location through rotating meeting venues. To attend the Annual Away Day (October 2023).
- To contribute constructively in discussions helping the board to achieve TastEd's aims.

4. Time commitment:

Being a trustee takes approximately 1-2 days a month, but it may vary. It includes attending Board meetings and other relevant meetings. Board members are elected for 3 years.

5. Benefits:

- Joining the TastEd team will give you the opportunity to make a real difference to child health by working with an innovative food education charity.
- On joining you will have an induction, including training in sensory food education so that you understand the work of the charity, as well as any other training required to fulfil your role on the board.
- No trustee should be out of pocket to volunteer, so expenses are payable to trustees for caring responsibilities, travel and subsistence whilst undertaking TastEd commitments in line with our trustee expenses policy.

6. What skills and experience are we looking for?

- Someone committed to TastEd's purpose, success and the people we serve.
- Good communication and decision making skills.
- An ability to listen, be open to challenge and be able to change their minds.
- Someone with confident interpersonal skills, keen to be a team player and work with a range of stakeholders including suppliers, trustees and volunteers.
- If possible, experience in one or more of the following; fundraising, marketing, charity governance and law, digital skills or business development.
- All trustees will be required to have an enhanced DBS check prior to starting the role.

To be considered, please submit your CV and covering letter of no more than one A4 page, or any questions to info@tasteeducation.com. The current Board of Trustees will review all applications and those whose skills and experience seem to be a good fit will be invited to meet with trustees. Successful candidates will then be invited to attend an online trustee meeting to see if TastEd is a good fit for the candidate.

The **closing date for applications** is **5pm on 29th June 2023** and meetings with trustees are expected to take place in **July 2023**.