GEORGE HOUSE TRUST

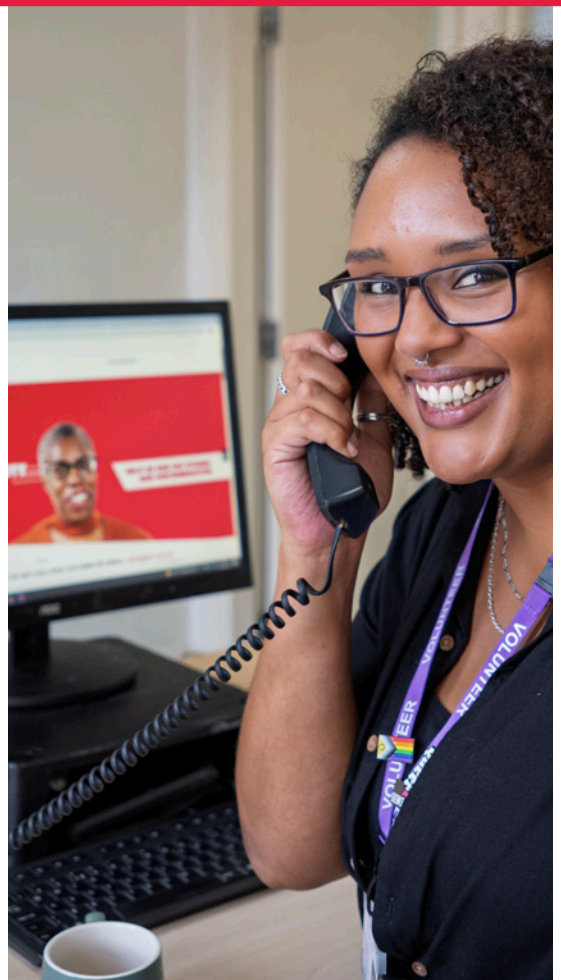
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RECRUITMENT PACK

CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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We're recruiting a new Chair

George House Trust is looking for a new Chair of the Board of Trustees

People are at the heart of everything we do at George House Trust. Our work is led by, with and for people living with HIV. We're looking for someone who believes deeply in that commitment, cares about people and understands the difference strong and compassionate leadership can make.

We want someone who understands good governance, but equally as important, someone who understands people. We also need someone who can help guide an organisation that's constantly evolving, listening and responding to the needs of the communities we serve.

Working alongside the Board and Senior Leadership Team, the Chair plays a vital role in shaping the future of George House Trust. You'll help ensure we remain ambitious, financially strong, community-led and focused on delivering meaningful impact for people living with HIV.



Why now?

Our current Chair, Andrew Sloan, joined the Board in 2019 and has helped lead George House Trust through one of the most important periods in its history. During that time, the organisation navigated Covid, appointed a new Chief Executive, celebrated its 40th anniversary and significantly grew its reach, services and impact across Greater Manchester, Merseyside and beyond.

After almost seven years on the Board, including five as Chair, Andrew wants to ensure there is a smooth and supported handover to new leadership before the end of his term.



About George House Trust

Founded in 1985 as Manchester AIDS Line, George House Trust has spent more than four decades standing alongside people living with HIV.

Today, we support around 3,000 people each year directly and reach many more through our online information, training, campaigns and community work.

Our team of 32 staff deliver frontline support and specialist services across a wide range of activities. Alongside them, 130 volunteers gave over 3,500 hours of their time last year.

Our work includes one-to-one advice and guidance, peer support, support for older people living with HIV, anti-stigma education, advocacy and community outreach in clinics, homes and local communities.





A message from the Chair

It has been one of the greatest privileges of my life to serve as Chair of George House Trust. During my time on the board, I've seen first-hand the extraordinary impact this organisation has on the lives of people living with HIV, not just through the services we provide, but through the compassion, dignity and sense of community that sits at the heart of everything we do.

George House Trust is a special place. It's ambitious, values-led and deeply connected to the communities it serves. As I prepare to step down, I feel incredibly proud of what we've achieved together and excited about what comes next.

We're now looking for someone who believes in people, who can lead with warmth and integrity and who will help guide the organisation through its next chapter with energy, care and purpose.

Andrew Sloan
Chair of the board

The Role

This is an opportunity to join a charity that's been at the forefront of HIV advice, support and information for over 40 years.

As Chair, you'll work closely with trustees, staff, volunteers, partners and communities to help shape the organisation's future. You'll support and challenge constructively, help steer strategic direction and ensure George House Trust continues to deliver high-quality support, advocacy and influence for people living with HIV.

You'll champion inclusion, equity and the voices of people living with HIV, while helping ensure the organisation remains innovative, resilient and firmly rooted in the communities it serves.

This is a voluntary role, and travel expenses can be reimbursed.





A message from the Deputy Chair

George House Trust has always been an organisation led by people, purpose and impact. As we look ahead, we're searching for a Chair who can combine compassion with strong leadership; someone who understands governance, balanced by the needs of people and community. This role is about helping the charity continue to evolve, remain financially resilient in a challenging economic climate, and ensure the voices of people living with HIV stay firmly at the centre of every decision we make.

Vanessa Jackson, Deputy Chair

Who we're looking for

We're looking for someone who leads with integrity, warmth and compassion. Someone who shares our values of being passionate, inclusive and responsive.

We know the challenges facing people living with HIV are complex and varied, so we're committed to building a diverse Board with different perspectives, experiences and backgrounds.

We always welcome and encourage applications from people living with HIV.

What you'll bring

This is a visible leadership role and you'll ideally have leadership experience, whether through executive roles, governance, community leadership or serving on a board.

You'll understand strategy, governance and organisational leadership and feel confident helping guide an ambitious and community-led organisation. You'll also bring a strong understanding of financial oversight and sustainable growth.

Most importantly, you'll understand the realities faced by people living with HIV and care deeply about tackling inequality, stigma and barriers to support.







The board

Our Board currently consists of nine trustees with experience across HR, finance, hospitality, property, leadership and community engagement. 60% of our trustees are people living with HIV.

The Board meets quarterly; alongside additional sessions focused on strategy, development and future planning.

Interested?

If you'd like to find out more about becoming Chair of George House Trust, please email **recruitment@ght.org.uk** to request the full application pack.

You can also arrange an informal conversation with the current Chair by emailing recruitment@ght.org.uk.



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