



Trustee on the Board of Westhill Endowment

Volunteer Opportunity: Join the Board of Trustees of Westhill Endowment

At the heart of the United Reformed Church (URC) lies a strong commitment to active ecumenical partnership and transformative community action.

We are looking for someone with a passion for faith-motivated community projects, inter-faith cohesion, and religious education to serve as a URC nominated Trustee on the Board of Westhill Endowment.

Westhill Endowment is an independent grant-giving charitable trust with strong Free Church roots. Westhill financially supports educational and community projects with strong underlying Christian values that transform lives, foster empathy, and build bridges between people of diverse backgrounds and cultures. Additionally, Westhill runs *CreateTalk*, a national touring art exhibition programme available on free loan to spark meaningful reflection and conversation within local communities.

Trustees are co-opted or nominated by church bodies (including the URC) and appointed for a four-year term. Trustees play an active role in strategic decision-making, evaluating grant applications, and helping oversee the charity's governance and financial health.

Meetings are held regularly and scheduled 12 months in advance. Trustees are expected to attend three full Board meetings per year (held in February, June, and November, with an option to join online or in person in Selly Oak, Birmingham), an annual half-day Strategy Workshop, and serve on one or two sub-committees (Grants & Projects, Financial Strategy, or Governance). The overall time commitment is between 5 and 10 days per year. Travel and reasonable expenses are fully reimbursed.

Why volunteer with us?

- **Make a Tangible Impact:** Help allocate nearly £400,000 annually in grant funding to grassroots projects that bring diverse communities together and transform lives.
- **Support Innovative Projects:** Engage with creative community initiatives, religious education projects, and arts-based exhibitions across the UK.
- **Ecumenical & Inter-Faith Collaboration:** Work alongside trustees from diverse Christian traditions and engage in meaningful bridge-building across different faiths and cultures.
- **Develop Governance & Strategic Skills:** Gain valuable experience in grant-making, charity governance, financial oversight, and strategic development within a well-established, flexible trust.

How to get Involved

If you're interested in volunteering for this role or would like more information, please contact Victoria Blunt, Convenor of Nominations Committee at nominations@urc.org.uk.

You are very welcome to contact Westhill Endowment directly to discuss the role with Diane Webb (Trust Office Manager) or Peter Ullathorne (Chair of the Board of Trustees):

- Email: info@westhillendowment.org
- Telephone: 0121 472 8000

Please be aware that all volunteers applying for roles within the United Reformed Church (URC) are required to undergo safer recruitment procedures. This ensures the safety and protection of all members within our community. Further details on this process will be provided during the application and selection process. Further guidance can also be found on our website www.urc.org.uk