

Growing Hope Ipswich: Trustee Roles

About Growing Hope

Growing Hope champions accessibility and provides free therapy for children with additional needs and support for their families in partnership with local churches across the UK. We aim to bring hope to children by providing free therapy. We grow hope for families where hope has been lost due to isolation and rejection. We share hope in Jesus, because he brings hope even in the most difficult situations.

Knowing how desperate families are for support, Growing Hope bridges the gap between the need and availability of therapy services. Growing Hope national charity provides support, structures, services and training to local Growing Hope clinics and have a vision to set up twenty clinics in partnership with local churches by 2030. We currently have 8 clinics, in Kings Cross, Brockley, Maidstone, High Wycombe, Redbridge, York, Farnham and Solent, with further launches planned this year.

Context

Growing Hope Ipswich will launch in 2026 in partnership with Holy Trinity Church, Back Hamlet. It will provide free therapy services for children and young people with additional needs and their families living in the local area. The aim is to provide a holistic service which supports parents, carers and siblings - as well as the children and young people themselves. The therapy provided by the clinic will depend on the Clinic Manager who is initially appointed to the role - this could be an occupational therapist, physiotherapist, speech and language therapist, music therapist, children's counsellor or similar.

“Thank you for listening to us and helping us! The work Growing Hope do is amazing. I have told other families about Growing Hope as so many would benefit.” Growing Hope Brockley Clinic Parent



Trustee Role Summary

Growing Hope Ipswich is looking for two new trustees to support the Board with Finance and Fundraising. The Board of Trustees is responsible for the governance of the local charity and supports the clinic in delivering its charitable objectives. Trustees will support the Clinic Manager in delivering the Charity's mission and vision, ensuring our culture of collaboration, curiosity and innovation continues. Trustees may act as a spokesperson and ambassador for the clinic where appropriate.

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Trustee Role Requirements

- Committed Christian
- Attending Trustee meetings on a quarterly basis (once every three months once the clinic is running; currently monthly during set-up period)
- Commitment to contribute to prayer at every Trustee meeting
- Ability to work collaboratively and strategically
- Experience of charity governance or a willingness to learn
- Expertise in Finance and Fundraising
- Commitment to champion Growing Hope Ipswich and offer ongoing support of the Clinic Manager by attending fundraising events and being an ambassador for the charity
- The role *could* also include helping to gather additional support through volunteers, offering additional time to help with grant writing, event organising and similar roles where appropriate

Growing Hope Ipswich is particularly looking for the following Trustee specialist roles:

Finance trustee

This individual will need to have financial and budgeting experience. They will be responsible for advising on the budget and ensuring that payments are made as expected. They will be expected to liaise with the Finance Officer who runs the day-to-day financial processes for Growing Hope. They will be required to give a quarterly update to the trustees as to the financial position of the charity (supported by reports provided by the Finance Officer). This role will also involve either running the gift aid claims or sourcing a volunteer to do this.

Fundraising Trustee

This trustee supports the Clinic Manager with fundraising. Ideally, this individual should already have fundraising experience; Growing Hope can also provide training if needed. This individual will be part of the monthly fundraising subcommittee which is organised by the Clinic Manager. They will need to volunteer time to draft grant applications and liaise with potential funders.

How to apply or find out more:

Please send expressions of interest to the Chair of Trustees, graham.alcock@growinghope.org.uk

Thank you!