



**Help us to prepare young people
in Chester and District with skills
for life**

Appointment of Trustees 2025

What exactly is a trustee?



Trustees play a key part in Scouts, and keep an eye on our vision. They make sure young people have the best experience at Scouts, and check things are being done safely and legally



Trustees are a team of volunteers who see the big picture, make decisions, and work together to help Scout run smoothly



Trustees support leaders to deliver a fantastic programme, while have a laugh, making new friends, and learning new skills themselves.



Our current trustees.

Our trustees are a wonderful bunch – we welcome anyone from all different backgrounds, experiences and generations. Some have been in Scouts before, and others are completely new.

Many of our trustees are...

- **People looking to build their CVs**
You'll gain vital experience to make your job or university application shine.
- **People established in their careers.**
You'll put your valuable skills into practice and share your knowledge with your team.
- **People getting back into work or changing careers.**
You'll gain transferable skills and experience for your next challenge.
- **People wishing to keep themselves busy**
You'll share your life experience that'll be most welcome and beneficial



You can find out more about what Trustee does by reading the [Trustee Board Team Description](#).

Could you be one of Chester and District Scout's trustees?

We are looking to appoint new trustees to join our District Trustee Board in Chester and District. The time commitment is flexible and the time you will need to give depends on exactly what you are helping out with. It is expected to take around 5 days per annum allowing for attendance at the Trustee Meetings (3hrs per meeting) and reading the board materials beforehand.

Who we're looking for.

No previous experience of volunteering with Scouts is needed for this role, and we are particularly interested in hearing from new volunteers.

If you've got any of the below qualities, we think you will make a brilliant trustee.

- Interested in helping young people gain skills for life
- You don't mind working with and talking to other people
- You're a bit creative, or like to find solutions to problems
- You like being organised
- You like hearing what other people have to say
- You'd like to be more active in your community

The existing Trustees have identified a need for new Trustees with any of the following skills and experience:

- Construction or project management
- Identifying sources of grant funding, or fundraising opportunities
- Legal
- Risk management

We're also interested in hearing from anyone who might feel they could bring something else to the Board, whether that's a different viewpoint or experience from professional or other volunteering roles.

We particularly encourage applications from young people aged 18-24 and anyone who may feel underrepresented in Scouts locally.

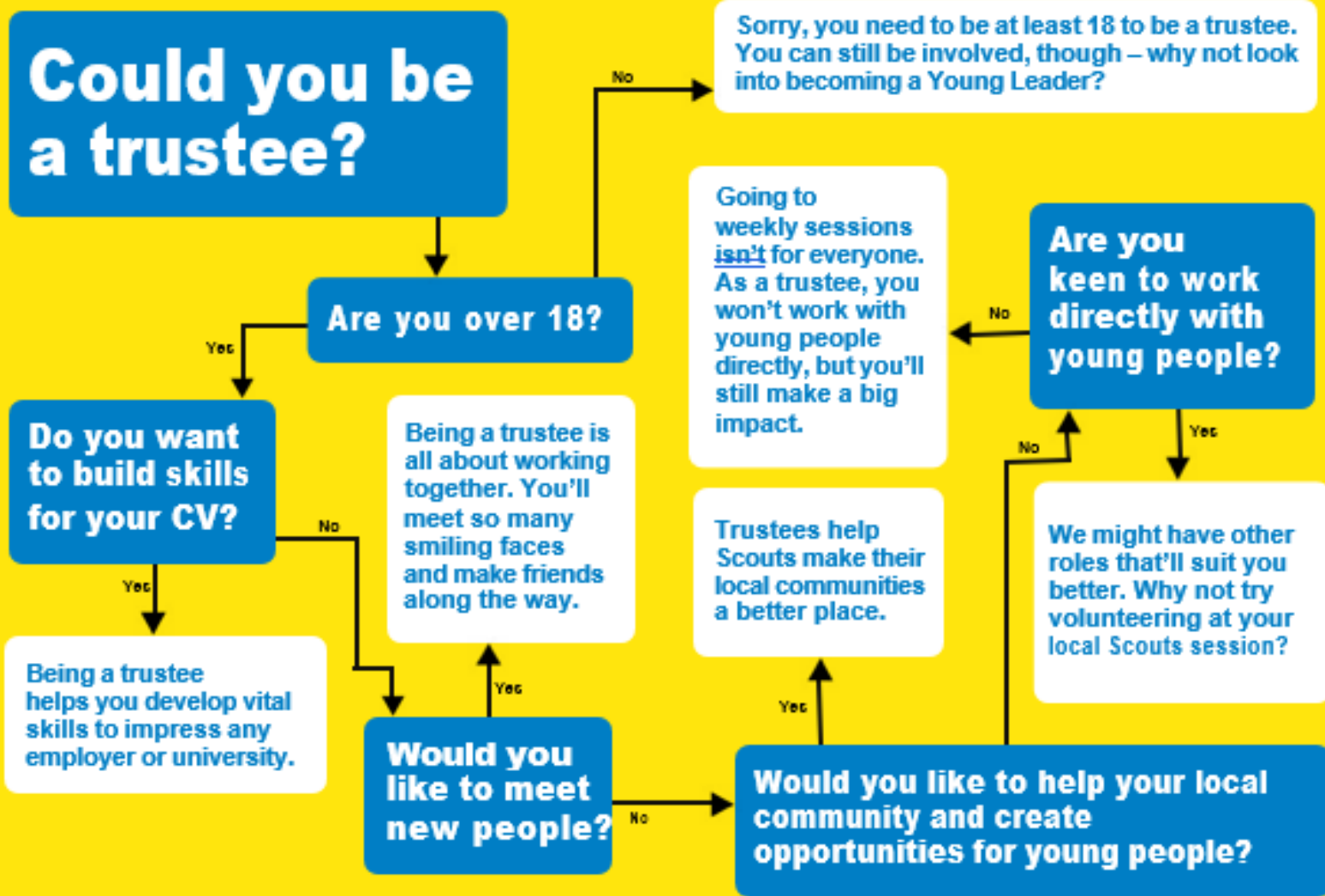
How will it help you develop?

Being a trustee isn't just about you helping Scouts, it's about Scouts helping you, too. The skills you'll gain are endless, and there's so many things about being a trustee that'll help you grow.

You'll have the opportunity to...

- Develop your decision-making skills
- Listen to different opinions and work together towards a common goal
- Organise things, do necessary admin and manage money

- Work in your community and socialise



Who's eligible to be a Trustee?

Trustees must be over the age of 18.

People are disqualified from acting as a Charity Trustee if they appear on any of the following registers:

- Individual insolvency register
- Register of disqualified Directors
- Register of persons who have been removed as a charity trustee

How much time will you need to give?

Being a trustee is flexible, and the amount of time you'll need to give will depend on what you're helping out with. It's usual for trustees to meet 5-7 times a year, as well as a few additional hours a month when needed. It's a team effort, so you'll be working with other friendly trustees to get things done.

It's great for your mental health – by helping a brilliant cause, you'll get an amazing

sense of achievement

How to apply

Process

Thank you for your interest in volunteering. The nomination and application forms can be found here:

[Nomination Form](#)

[Application Form](#)

If you prefer to submit a paper copy, please complete the application at the end of this pack.

You can apply for the role yourself using the application form or nominate someone else using the nomination form. Nominated people are in no way committed to apply unless they wish to.

Shortlisting will be based solely on the information provided by each candidate in their application form. We'll then be in touch with shortlisted applicants to arrange a chat about being a Trustee.

Key Dates

The closing date for applications **Thursday 1st May 2025**.

Trustees will be formally appointed by the District Scout Council at the District Annual General Meeting which is to be held on **Thursday 15th May 2025**.

Getting in touch

For more information, or for an informal chat about this vacancy, please contact one of the following:

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