

Greater Manchester Immigration Aid Unit Board of Trustees/Directors

Role Description: Trustee/Director

Greater Manchester Immigration Aid Unit (GMIAU) is looking to recruit additional Board Members (Trustees/Directors – henceforth referred to as Trustee). We are a very busy not-for-profit charitable organisation providing legal immigration advice and representation to people in the North West of England. We provide services to over 6000 people each year. The majority of people we support are children and adults who are seeking asylum, and people with human rights claims to remain in the UK.

Our annual income for the year ending March 2025 (our most recent published accounts) was £2.1m and is likely to be a similar level for year end March 2026. We are a strong and resilient organisation that has withstood the challenges over recent years. We are looking for people who will work with us through the next stages of our strategic plan.

Purpose of the Trustee role

A Trustee's role is to lead the GMIAU along with other board members and make decisions about how things are done. This is an opportunity to influence and contribute to GMIAU and develop your skills/experience at the same time.

Main Tasks

1. Actively contributing to the effective governance of the organisation, (as a registered Charity and Company Limited by Guarantee).
2. Understanding the purpose of GMIAU and ensuring we are working towards our agreed aims.
3. Reviewing the context in which GMIAU works and planning how we will effectively meet need.
4. Reading through and considering documents and related information presented to the GMIAU Board of Trustees.
5. Attending meetings to contribute to, and influence, discussions, based on your skills and experience.
6. Through advice from the Treasurer, to ensure that we are acting responsibly with our finances and have the appropriate safeguards in place.
7. Ensure we are compliant with our governing document and Charity Law.
8. Remain committed to the community we serve and make sure we are doing our best to get fair and just outcomes for individuals.

Eligibility

To be a trustee you must be:

- Over 18 years of age.
- Not be disqualified due to bankruptcy or having unspent convictions or being on the sex offenders register.

You can be a charity trustee regardless of your immigration status.

You do not need to have had previous experience of being a Trustee and we are particularly keen to hear from people with lived experience of being subject to immigration controls.

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