

# Chair's required across Greater Manchester



Could you be part of Mind in Greater Manchester's ambitious future and help us to support more people with mental health problems?

We are a collective of five independent local charities (Mind in Salford, Rochdale and District Mind, Tameside, Oldham and Glossop Mind, Manchester Mind and Stockport and District Mind) working across Greater Manchester and affiliated to national Mind. Our shared vision is that we won't give up until everyone experiencing a mental health problem gets both support and respect. We have an excellent reputation in each of our areas and deliver varied and impactful services that are truly transformational for those who access them, and we contribute to the wellbeing and social value in the wider community.

## The opportunity

Rochdale and District Mind, Mind in Salford and Stockport & District Mind are all looking for the next Chairs of their respective Boards of Trustees. The Chair is the beating heart of an organisation. They are both an organisation's figurehead and its rudder. They are much more than a facilitator of meetings, they set the tone and they encapsulate an organisation's vision and values.

We're looking for dedicated, empathetic and ambitious leaders to help make our mission a reality and lead these three respective organisations closer towards our ultimate ambition: **a society where everyone experiencing a mental health problem gets both support and respect.**

As a Chair you will, as part of an active board:

- Provide leadership to the organisation and the board, ensuring that everyone remains focused on the delivery of the organisation's charitable purposes in order to provide greater public benefit
- Think strategically and creatively
- Scrutinise the impact we're having and provide challenge where appropriate
- Communicate clearly and sensitively in group discussions
- Use independent judgement to contribute to decisions on behalf of the organisation
- Represent the organisation externally
- Be committed to our values ([www.gmminds.org.uk](http://www.gmminds.org.uk))

Diversity is critical for a board to be effective; enabling varied discussions, active debate and decision making, so that together we can have the greatest impact. We encourage applications from people with lived experience of mental health problems and from all ethnic, socio-economic, religious and professional and personal backgrounds. Whether you're an experienced trustee or taking your first steps into governance, if you have the commitment, values and skills, we want to hear from you.

As Chair, you will have:

- Induction, training and your expenses reimbursed
- Opportunities to develop new skills
- An annual appraisal to help support your development

## Time Commitment

The Chair role is voluntary with expenses paid. Time commitment will vary from Mind to Mind however it is expected that the average commitment is approximately one day per fortnight. Each board is different but there is maximum of one meeting per month taking place - currently virtually via video-conferencing apps such as Zoom and Teams.

## How to apply

To express interest in becoming a trustee, please send your CV and an expression of interest (max 1000 words) stating why you are interested in taking on a chairship and which of the stated skills and attributes you aim to bring, to [recruitment@gmmind.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@gmmind.org.uk). Due to limited capacity, only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

A specific application pack for the chair roles can be found here

[www.gmmind.org.uk/trustee-recruitment](http://www.gmmind.org.uk/trustee-recruitment)

We are requesting expressions of interest by 5pm on the 30<sup>th</sup> April. Successful applicants will be expected to undergo an Enhanced level Disclosure and Barring Service check, as well as company director and charity trustee disqualification checks.