

# Chair of Trustees

## Twickenham, Voluntary Role

The Mulberry Centre (TMC) is an award winning cancer information and support centre based on the grounds of the West Middlesex University Hospital in Isleworth, Middlesex. It has been open for over 19 years and provided services to more than 15,000 people. They currently have over 3,300 registered users. They offer information, complementary therapies and emotional support for anyone affected by cancer. They are a registered charity and are funded entirely by charitable donations.

TMC are seeking a Chair of Trustees to replace the present Chair who is stepping down after 4 years. With Covid 19 all charities are facing challenges at the moment, but the Centre has risen to the challenges and has a great deal to offer for the future. The Trustees are keen to find the right person for the next phase of the Charity's development and someone who will share our vision and values. The Chair will normally serve an initial term of three years and may at the discretion of the Trustees be appointed for a second term not exceeding three years.

The Chair is expected to have regular meetings with the Executive Director, and to respond to issues as they arise. S/he will also represent the Charity at various events and on occasion at meetings with key stakeholders

### The Role (full details in the information pack)

- Will hold the Board and Executive Team to account for the Charity's mission and vision, providing inclusive leadership to the Board of Trustees;
- Will support, and, where appropriate, challenge the Executive Director and ensure that the Board functions as a unit;
- Provide leadership to the charity and its Board, ensuring that the Charity has maximum impact for its beneficiaries;
- Ensure that the Board operates within its charitable objectives, and provides a clear strategic direction for the Charity;
- Maintain the fiduciary duty invested in the position, undertaking such duties in a way that adds to public confidence and trust in the charity, safeguarding its good name and the values of the organisation;
- Take appropriate professional advice in all matters where there may be a material risk to the charity, or where the Trustees may be in breach of their duties;
- Maintain close relationships with key influencers;
- Chair meetings of the Board of Trustees effectively and efficiently, bringing impartiality and objectivity to the decision-making process.

### The Requirements (full details in the information pack)

- Broad knowledge and understanding of the not for profit sector and current issues affecting it;
- Demonstrate a strong and visible passion and commitment to the charity, its strategic objectives and cause;
- Experience of operating at a senior strategic leadership level within an organisation;
- Experience of charity governance and working with or as part of a Board of Trustees;
- Strong leadership skills, ability to motivate staff and volunteers and bring people together.

**For further details on this role, please visit: <http://www.thewlisgraham.com/assignment-briefings/> For a confidential discussion please contact Thewlis Graham Associates on +44 (0)20 7850 4781. Please apply with the full requirements listed in the candidate brief on our microsite by 5pm, 16 October 2020.**