



Join Us as a Trustee, Help Change Lives

Are you passionate about making a positive difference to the lives of those affected by domestic abuse? Do you have experience in IT or marketing and communications? We're looking for a number of dedicated individuals to join our Board of Trustees and help shape the future of our charity as we continue to grow and strengthen our impact.

About Us

We provide free, confidential and independent advice, skilled practical help and ongoing emotional support and information for anyone affected by domestic abuse living in the Boroughs of Guildford and Waverley. Last year we helped around 1,000 survivors in our area.

Our work changes lives by empowering survivors to live a life free from harm. We deliver adult outreach services including one to one and group support, recovery and wellbeing programmes. We also offer a range of specialist domestic abuse services including support for children and young people, advocacy for members of the LGBTQ+ population and help for those living with a disability.

We are a member of the Surrey Domestic Abuse Partnership, a group of four charities working together across the whole of Surrey to support survivors of domestic abuse and to build a future where it is not tolerated. We are also a member of Women's Aid (with National Quality Standard Accreditation). The Service is primarily funded by a combination of Police, Government, Local Authority and other grants.

The role and time commitment

As a Trustee, you'll play a key role in guiding the strategic direction and governance of the charity. We are particularly interested in applicants with skills and experience in:

- IT or digital transformation
- Marketing, PR or communications

You'll work closely with fellow Trustees and senior staff to strengthen our profile, build connections, and ensure the charity remains resilient and sustainable. This is a voluntary, part time position. We estimate that Trustees will need to dedicate between 1-3 hours a week with more time and energy needed in the first 6-12 months as this new role takes shape. Appointments are for an initial three years with the option of an additional three years. Reasonable Trustee expenses are remunerated.

We're looking for someone who:

- Shares our commitment to ending domestic abuse and supporting survivors
- Understands the importance of good governance and strategic oversight
- Brings relevant professional expertise
- Values inclusion, equality, and empowerment

We welcome applicants with lived experience of domestic abuse.

Why Join Us?

- Play a vital role in a well-established, respected local charity
- Help shape strategy and ensure long-term sustainability
- Work alongside a dedicated and supportive Board and staff team
- Gain valuable experience in charity governance
- Use your professional skills to create lasting social impact



South West Surrey

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How to Apply

If you're interested in using your expertise to support a cause that matters, we'd love to hear from you. Please email hello@swsda.org.uk to organise an informal conversation with our Chair of Trustees.

We welcome applications from people of all backgrounds, especially those with lived experience of domestic abuse or from communities underrepresented in the charity sector

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