

TRUSTEES (unpaid)

We wish to recruit new members to join our governing body, the board of trustees.

SPARK EDUCARE is a local Not-for-Profit Community Interest Company (CIC), in our third year of operating. Our annual turnover is about £23K. We are looking to recruit enthusiastic trustees to help us expand and oversee our application for charity status. Ideally, the new trustees will be local, have skills and experience in one or more of the following areas:

- networking and relationship building with senior policymakers at the local level
- Experience of charity regulation at a national, strategic level.
- Work experience in Social Welfare, Education or Local Authority.
- Local community involvement

Are you someone with a lot to offer, but not sure where to start. Interested in your community and making things better. Keen to build on your strengths and eager to learn new skills. Wanting to get involved? Willing to take the next step...?

The SPARK centre is a local resource offering a supportive, friendly, complimentary service to discover the full potential of children by raising their levels of literacy and numeracy. Our support is delivered according to the personal needs of each young person; as a result we offer one-to-one tuition, run an After School Study club. We have a dedicated team of volunteers who run the centre and without whom we could not function.

We see ourselves as central to the local area's education achievement and we are proud of our relationship with parents and the wider community. Due to continuing growth of our reputation and client base we are looking to extend our partnership in the Reading community and beyond. A friendly welcoming atmosphere has always been and remains a feature of SPARK EDUCARE CIC, so whether you are looking for an opportunity to make a difference in someone else's life; share your enthusiasm for a cause or belief; pass on a skill you've mastered to the community; explore a possible career in education or to enhance your CV and develop leadership skills, you will be most welcome to **join us as a trustee**.

Being a trustee at SPARK Educare, offers you opportunities to use skills and experience effectively, make new contacts and friends, improve personal networks, develop new skills, improve career prospects, get involved in the local community, make a difference and above all have fun.

The centre is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. An enhanced criminal records disclosure will be sought from successful applicants.

Visits to our centre to meet our staff are welcome and encouraged! Potential candidates are invited to visit the centre for an informal talk when it is convenient.

Please feel free to contact me directly on 0118 986 3377 with any questions you may have about the role of trustees. Or send us an email to: management@sparkeducarecic.com indicating your intention to join us. Or post a letter of application to: SPARK EDUCARE CIC, Unit 2, Gatehouse, 344 Oxford Road, Reading, Berkshire RG30 1AG.

Alternatively, complete a contact us form on our website at: www.sparkeducarecic.com

The closing date for the application is the 21st of July. Interviews will be on the 28th of July 2010.

Please assume you have not been short listed if you have not heard from us in 2 weeks from date of submission of application.

