



Trustee Recruitment Pack

Empowering positive change for communities and young people across the city of Manchester



Introducing the We Love MCR Charity

The We Love MCR Charity is Manchester's very own unique charity.

We empower positive change for communities and young people across the city of Manchester by awarding financial grants to help people improve their lives, communities and spaces.

The We Love MCR Charity operates as the Lord Mayor of Manchester's Charity Appeal Trust registered with the Charities Commission (1066972).

We are an inclusive grant-giving charity, here to support the residents of the city of Manchester. Our funds and transformational work have continued to expand, particularly over the past ten years. In 2024, we awarded £186,249 to young

people and community groups in the city of Manchester via our two funds.

The **Stronger Communities Fund** welcomes applications of up to £4,000 from community groups and small charities to deliver projects that fit into one of our four themes:

- Reducing loneliness and isolation
- Providing positive youth activities
- Helping in the early years
- Protecting and improving open spaces.

In 2024, we received over 100 applications to this fund and awarded more than fifty local groups to do great work in their communities.

The projects supported through this fund vary from one-day events to longer-term (up to 12 months+) projects.

The **Manchester's Rising Stars Fund** is our flagship fund. It supports young people aged 15–22 (or up to 25 if they are care experienced or have additional needs) to overcome barriers in relation to their ambitions around education, employment, training or entrepreneurship. Young people who can demonstrate they have a clear, realistic and achievable ambition can apply to this fund for up to £5,000 to pay for resources, equipment and/or training they might need to take their next step. The fund targets young people who would not be able to afford the items or resources

they need due to some form of disadvantage. Given the high level of poverty and inequality in Manchester, the fund supports many young Mancunians from low-income backgrounds, refugees and asylum seekers, as well as care experienced and homeless young people. In 2024, we received some 130 applications from ambitious young Mancunians – young people who, despite all the challenges they have faced, have ambitions to be solicitors, doctors, software engineers, nurses, plumbers, musicians – or even Olympians.



Our board of trustees

The Council supports the charity through housing our staff team, which facilitates close collaboration with departments, including the youth team, work and skills, parks and neighborhoods, as well as the commercial team and events team.

We are governed by a trustee board of 12 members, who meet quarterly. Our trustee board is co-chaired by the sitting Lord Mayor of Manchester and a permanent co-chair. The board is made up of voluntary members with a range of skills and leadership around fundraising, communications, finance and governance.

The trustee board guides the strategic direction of the charity, supporting our office team to deliver our goals and objectives in Manchester.

Our staff team

We are a small, agile and deeply passionate staff team of three full-time employees and an apprentice placement.

The Head of Charity, Grant Manager, and Communications and Fundraising Officer develop and drive the charity forwards on a day-to-day level.

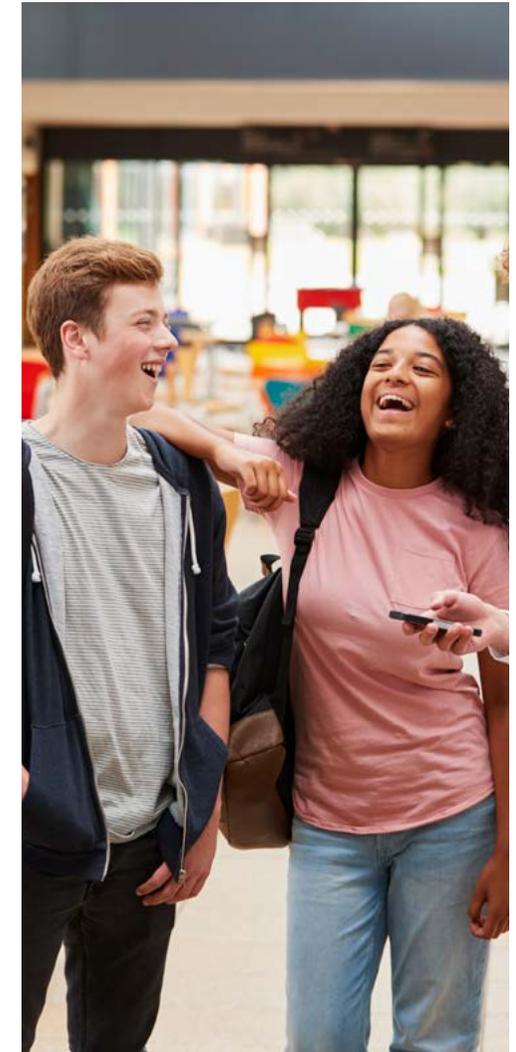


Our latest opportunity to become a trustee

As the We Love MCR Charity seeks to evolve and develop its grant giving strategy, a need has been identified to recruit a trustee who has suitable experience of grant giving and/or grant seeking, from a third-sector background.

The trustee recruited for this role would be expected to work very closely with our Grants Manager to strategically develop our small grant funds and our impact analysis, and be part of our assessment processes and delivery.

Our aim is to be a leader in the local funding sector and seek an enthusiastic and knowledgeable trustee with a passion for Manchester to support this aim.



Role profile

Experience and skills required:

- First-hand experience of working within the third sector in a senior role, or within policy development
- Experience of being an active trustee or committee member
- Knowledge and experience of grant making and/or grant seeking
- Knowledge and application of monitoring and evaluation and impact reporting within the third sector
- An understanding and a passion for the city and culture of Manchester
- An understanding of the use of branding and storytelling to influence and increase both fundraising and applications to our funds
- The ability to support the officers of the We Love Manchester Charity in developing and raising the profile of the charity so it becomes the charity of choice across the Manchester business community

- Support We Love MCR Charity's engagement with Manchester City Council's ambition of achieving UNICEF Child Friendly City status.

Commitment:

- Attendance in person at quarterly board meetings in Manchester
- Actively supporting and working alongside the Grant Manager to deliver and develop our current grants programmes
- Participation in other committee meetings, events or task-and-finish groups around areas of interest and skill.



How to apply

To apply for this role, submit a copy of your CV and a short covering letter outlining how you meet the requirements for this role and the skills and experience you will bring to our fantastic small charity.

Please email all supporting documents to [**welovemcrcharity@manchester.gov.uk**](mailto:welovemcrcharity@manchester.gov.uk)

The deadline for applications is 12th June at 12 noon. Interviews are expected to take place in early July.

For an informal chat about the role requirements, please email Marie at [**welovemcrcharity@manchester.gov.uk**](mailto:welovemcrcharity@manchester.gov.uk) to arrange a call.



