

Director / Trustee – Ormiston Trust

Remuneration:	The role of Director / Trustee is not accompanied by any financial remuneration, although expenses for travel may be claimed.
Location:	1 Bell Yard, London, WC2A 2JR
Minimum time commitment:	Four Board meetings per year (and potentially eight one-hour conference calls for subcommittees depending on the Directors availability) and any agreed visits.
Reporting to:	Chair of the Board

Role Description

The role of Director is to ensure that Ormiston Trust fulfils its duty to its beneficiaries through it's giving of grants and delivers on our vision, mission and values.

We wish to be representative of the communities we work with and would welcome a new trustee of any age, sex, race or belief, who shares an interest in the promotion of the Trust and it's objectives.

Vision

To improve the life-chances of children and young people

Mission

Our mission is to invest in the delivery of high quality practice in children's services and schools that will improve well-being and attainment. To achieve our mission, we work in close partnership with young people, families, the community and other stakeholders, including statutory and voluntary organisations, the private sector, and local and national government.

Values

We strive to:

- **Nurture:** Develop caring, supportive and respectful relationships that foster well-being
- **Empower:** Support people to become more confident, self-reliant and engaged in decision-making
- **Achieve excellence:** Ensure the continuous improvement of services
- **Innovate:** Fund and develop new and challenging approaches to service delivery. In doing this, the Trust is not afraid to take considered risks
- **Ensure financial prudence:** Make best use of resources ensuring that projects make a lasting difference and are sustainable
- **Listen:** Engage and respond to the views of stakeholders

Each year the Trust grants between £1 and £1.5 million and reviews and supports approximately 50 individual projects using a small team of 10 part time employees.

For further information, please see:

- Our [annual accounts](#)
- Our [website](#), including details of current trustees

Trustee Responsibilities:

Please see the UK Charity Commission's [general advice on trustees' responsibilities](#). Within this, the trustees' specific responsibilities are:

1. Attend four board meetings in the UK per year.
2. Read papers before meetings and contribute to informal correspondence between meetings.
3. Identify high potential prospects that may benefit from the Trust's support, and recommend them to the Director.
4. Meet potential /actual grantees from time to time, to consider issues such as assessing their potential, discussing actual performance or advising them on strategic issues.
5. Review our investment performance and advise on appointing the investment manager.
6. Contribute to reviewing the Trust's policies and operations.
7. Contribute to periodic reviews of how well the board is working and how it can be improved.
8. Undertake any other reasonable activities that contribute to the Trust's work, including occasionally attending events.

Based on the current Board of Trustees' skills set, we are looking for two new trustees. One would ideally have experience of working within the children's sector (i.e. schools, children's services etc). The other would have significant experience of the Investment Property Market. Experience in the children's sector might include a Principal, School Governor or teacher preferably with an interest in pastoral care, careers, pshe or other wider curricular activities. Ormiston Trust is mainly funded through its portfolio of properties, therefore the investment focused role might include someone with experience as a commercial/industrial property investor, property developer or chartered surveyor.

The above list of duties is indicative only and not exhaustive. The Directors will be expected to perform all such additional duties as are reasonably commensurate with the role. You will be encouraged to visit projects around the country to meet young people and see the impact of our funded work.

Time Consideration

- The Board meets at least four times a year
- The following Board sub-committees are in place and have their own additional time commitments. Directors may be asked to join a Sub-Committee where it covers a topic that's considered to be their area of their expertise and knowledge.
 - Finance Sub-Committee is arranged four times a year and usually takes place as a teleconference.
 - Grants Committee is arranged four times a year and also usually takes place as a teleconference.

- In addition to Board Meetings, other contact – usually electronic or by telephone – may be necessary to make ad hoc decisions as appropriate.

Other Notes

Successful candidates will need to confirm their eligibility to be a trustee and the appointments will be subject to the necessary checks and references.

To apply

Please send your CV together with a covering letter (maximum 1 page) to fionagregory@ormistontrust.co.uk

Closing date for applications is 12th February 2022