

Trusteeship at Eden Rivers Trust



About us

Eden Rivers Trust is the conservation charity standing up for Eden's rivers; changing perceptions about them, enhancing and protecting the river environment so that people and nature in Cumbria can thrive.

The Trust, whose vision is *Clean and healthy rivers, providing a brighter future for all*, has been working with partners and volunteers since 1996, developing and carrying out innovative environmental projects that restore rivers, improve habitats, manage floods naturally and promote water-friendly farming. These conservation activities are integrated with creative programmes for schools and community groups that promote awareness, access and learning.

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Role Description

Trustee

Location: Penrith, Cumbria

Time commitment: Four Board meetings per year in Penrith. Trustees are also expected to participate in subcommittees and other relevant meetings and training through the Eden catchment. From time-to-time Trustees will be asked to represent the Trust at additional events, and to support various activities the Trust undertakes throughout the year. Trustees are appointed for an initial term not exceeding three years.

Responsible to: As the Board is responsible and liable for the governance and functioning of the Eden Rivers Trust, Trustees are accountable in varying degrees to a variety of stakeholders including service users, members, funders, the Charity Commission, and Companies House.

Salary: Unsalaries. The role of Trustee is not accompanied by any financial remuneration, although reasonable out of pocket expenses, e.g. for travel, may be claimed.

Overall purpose

The Board of Trustees is responsible for the overall governance and strategic direction of Eden Rivers Trust, developing the organisation's aims, objectives, and goals in accordance with the governing document, legal and regulatory guidelines.

Each Trustee should ensure that Eden Rivers Trust fulfils its duty to its beneficiaries and delivers on our vision, mission and values, through the implementation of our five-year strategic business plan (2023-28)

Vision: Clean and healthy rivers providing a brighter future for all
Mission: To improve and protect the River Eden - its tributaries and lakes, for the benefit of people and wildlife
Values: Teamwork, Commitment, Relevance, Creativity, Partnership

Duties and responsibilities for Trustees are collective and individual.

Main responsibilities

To determine the overall direction and development of the Trust through good governance and clear strategic planning.

To ensure that the Trust and its representatives' function within the legal and regulatory framework of the sector and in line with the Trust's governing document.

To uphold the fiduciary duty invested in the position, continually striving for best practice in governance that adds to public confidence in Eden Rivers Trust.

Main Duties:

Promoting and developing the Trust in order for it to grow and maintain its relevance to society.

Maintaining sound financial management of the Trust's resources, ensuring expenditure is in line with its objectives.

Ensuring the effective and efficient administration of the Trust and its resources.

Ensuring the Trust complies with legislative and regulatory requirements and acts within the confines of its governing document and in furtherance to organisational activities contained therein.

Ensuring that intangible assets such as organisational knowledge and expertise, intellectual property, the charity's good name and reputation etc. are properly valued, utilised and safeguarded.

Interviewing and appointing the Chief Executive. Interviewing senior paid staff when required.

Behaviours

- Acting in the best interest of the Trust at all times.
- Maintaining absolute confidentiality about all sensitive/confidential information received in the course of the Trustee's responsibilities to the Charity.