



Trustee Vacancies

Commitment: 3-4 hours per month (average but variable)

Location: Exeter/Hybrid

Contract: Voluntary

About Exeter Community Initiatives (ECI)

At the Heart of Positive Change in Exeter and Devon

Exeter Community Initiatives has been supporting people and strengthening communities across Exeter since 1993. In that time, we've helped more than **50,000 people** to increase their confidence, develop new skills and improve their wellbeing.

Our focus is on supporting individuals and communities who are disadvantaged, socially excluded or vulnerable. We are proud of our friendly, supportive and passionate team of staff and volunteers, all committed to creating positive change.

You can find out more about the great projects we support and the impact we have in our latest [annual review](#).

Who We're Looking For

We are recruiting **several new trustees** to bring fresh perspectives, lived experience and professional expertise to our Board. We welcome people from **all backgrounds**, and you do *not* need previous experience as a trustee – we will provide full support and induction.

We are particularly interested in hearing from people with lived experience or skills in any of the following areas:

- Using ECI's services or similar services elsewhere – including experiences of trying to access support
- Moving to Exeter or working to build a sense of belonging in a new community
- Being part of a minority group within the community
- Disability access and inclusion
- Child safeguarding and/or adult safeguarding
- Human resources, particularly employee relations or employment law
- Law or legal services

If you bring a different viewpoint, professional expertise or life experience that could help us shape our services more equitably, we would love to hear from you.

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About the role

As a trustee, you will play a key role in guiding the strategic development, governance and long-term success of ECI. Your responsibilities will include:

- Helping shape ECI's strategic direction and priorities
- Championing our services and the positive impact they have on our community
- Ensuring effective governance and compliance with legal and regulatory requirements
- Using your experience, networks or expertise to support and strengthen ECI's work

The Board meets **bi-monthly**, both in person and online, usually on weekday evenings. Outside of meetings, we will seek your input in areas linked to your skills or interests.

"It's really worthwhile being a Trustee at Exeter Community Initiatives. It's great to be part of something that benefits so many people across the city of Exeter. My fellow Trustees and the staff team have been very welcoming. It's a good way to meet new people, give back in a meaningful way, develop skills and use your own experiences to benefit the wider community".

- **Natalie Vizard, Trustee**

You don't need to know everything from day one – we will support you to develop in the role.

Travel and other reasonable expenses will be reimbursed.

Commitment, Eligibility and Checks

- Approximately **3-4 hours per month**
- Open to applicants **aged 18 or over**
- Must meet the **Charity Commission Trustee Eligibility Criteria**
- **Enhanced DBS check and references** required before appointment

Learn more about ECI at eci.org.uk

How to Apply

If you're interested in becoming a Trustee with ECI, please send your **CV** and a short covering note explaining why the role appeals to you to:

 **Email:** ecitrustees@eci.org.uk

 **Post:** Trustee Applications, Exeter Community Initiatives, 148-149 Fore Street, Exeter EX4 3AN

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If you are unable to provide a CV, please let us know – we're happy to find an alternative way to learn about you and your experience.

Accessibility and Inclusion

Exeter Community Initiatives is an **equal opportunities organisation**. We are committed to supporting applicants throughout the recruitment process and will provide reasonable adjustments as needed.

To discuss any accessibility needs or support requirements:

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