

## Stroud District Foodbank Trustee Role Description

We're looking for new trustees to join our board and help guide the work of Stroud District Foodbank (SDF). As a trustee, you'll play a vital role in shaping our strategy, ensuring good governance, and supporting our mission to provide emergency food and support to local people in crisis.

You don't need to have been a trustee before and we welcome people from all backgrounds and experiences. What matters most is your commitment to our mission and your ability to contribute your time and skills.

### Trustee Duties

As a trustee, you'll share responsibility with fellow board members to:

- Ensure that SDF pursues its charitable aims, as set out in our constitution, by developing and agreeing long-term strategy.
- Make sure we comply with our constitution, charity law, company law, our Trussell franchise agreement, and other relevant regulations.
- Apply our resources responsibly to achieve our charitable purposes for the benefit of the public.
- Safeguard the good name and values of SDF.
- Oversee the effective and efficient administration of the organisation, ensuring policies and procedures are in place.
- Ensure financial stability and protect SDF's property and assets.
- Support the recruitment, supervision, and development of staff.

In addition to these collective responsibilities, trustees bring their own skills, knowledge, and perspectives to help the board make sound decisions whether that's by leading discussions, offering guidance on specific issues, or sharing insights from lived experience.

## Person Specification

### Essential

- You must be 18 or over (a legal requirement for charity trustees).
- A genuine commitment to SDF's mission and values.
- Willingness to uphold the ethos of SDF, which is rooted in our Christian foundation, whilst welcoming and respecting people of all faiths and none.
- Ability to give the time and energy needed to contribute effectively as a trustee (with flexibility and support provided).
- Good independent judgement and the confidence to share your views.
- Ability to think creatively and work well with others as part of a team.
- Understanding and acceptance of the legal responsibilities of trusteeship (training will be provided).
- Commitment to the Nolan principles of public life: selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness, honesty, and leadership.

### Desirable

We are especially keen to hear from people who bring one or more of the following:

- Lived experience of poverty or using a foodbank.
- Knowledge of Stroud District and the community we serve.
- Experience working with or supporting volunteers.
- Skills in fundraising, communications, finance, HR, governance, or community engagement.
- Networks or experience that could help raise awareness of our work.

## What You'll Gain

Becoming a trustee is an opportunity to:

- Make a real difference in your local community.
- Learn new skills in governance, strategy, and leadership.
- Volunteer alongside a diverse team of committed people.
- Contribute your voice, experience, and ideas to help end the need for foodbanks.

We're committed to building a board with a variety of perspectives. We particularly welcome applications from people with lived experience of poverty.