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WETWHEELS FOUNDATION TREASURER - INVITATION TO APPLY

“There is something very special about being on the water. For someone with a disability, being at sea offers unparalleled freedoms.”
Geoff Holt MBE DL Founder and Trustee

As a volunteer Trustee and Treasurer with The Wetwheels Foundation you will help to shape the future of this special charity.

Vision:

To ensure everyone can access the water with a safe, barrier-free, enriching experience.

Mission Statement

Wetwheels offers a unique opportunity for disabled and disadvantaged people of all ages - including those with multiple, profound and complex impairments - to access the water.

Central to our experience is active participation - helping to broaden aspirations, increase confidence and directly impact on health and wellbeing.

We continually innovate through new technologies, and improve the service we provide through the excellence of our teams and feedback from participants.

We ensure a sustainable operation with a range of income streams, funding and support.

By 2026, we aim to support 12,000 people every year in a Wetwheels experience across the UK, with the widest reach and awareness possible.



Our latest boat Wetwheels South West launched in September 2020

Our future is bright

We are entering a new and exciting phase in the evolution of our charity. We have a positive strategy for growth that will allow us to enhance the lives of the people we support, their families and carers.

Our founder and Trustee Geoff Holt MBE DL, himself a disabled yachtsman, created Wetwheels because he believed that all disabled people had the right to access the sea and to experience the same sense of independence and wonder he himself enjoys on the water. We have 6 state-of-the-art accessible power boats and our ultimate goal is to have a wider network strategically embedded in coastal communities around the UK. These will provide truly barrier-free boating for all disabled people for whom in many cases, it is a life-changing experience.

Our Development Plan is ambitious but achievable. We already have a great team but wish to further strengthen our Board of Trustees to support its delivery and this long-term strategy. This is whilst complying with charity law and any other relevant legislation, with our participants at our heart.

Who are we looking for?

We are seeking a volunteer **Trustee and Treasurer**. The aim of this role is as follows:

To maintain an overview of the Foundation's financial affairs, ensuring that it is financially stable and able to grow. To ensure Trustees are kept informed of all key aspects, that proper financial procedures are operated and to provide sound advice and guidance.

It is not required you be a qualified accountant for this role, but we do seek relevant experience and knowledge that will support your delivery of these aims and objectives, with particular reference to the voluntary and charity sectors.

Wetwheels works with 'Your Finance Partner', who provide our core financial services such as processing payments, donations and production of management accounts – these operational tasks do not fall within this role, rather the oversight and strategic review of The Foundation's activities and performance, as outlined below:

- Ensure that the financial resources of the Foundation meet its present and future needs and obligations.
- Ensure the Foundation follows its financial reserves policy and reviews this annually.
- Ensure that proper accounting records are kept and financial controls are in place, to include the monthly management accounts, working with the Company Secretary and accountant partner.
- Ensure that the accounts are independently assessed in accordance with, and as required by law and the Charity Commission.
- Advise on the financial implications of the Foundation's strategic objectives.
- Assist the CEO and Company Secretary with annual financial assessment if required.
- Contribute actively to the Board of Trustees' role in overseeing financial policies, goals, targets and evaluating performance against agreed targets.
- Help to identify financial risks facing the organisation and recommend appropriate action.

In addition we would welcome hearing from you if:

- You are able to communicate and network effectively and would enjoy working as part of a close knit team of volunteers, supported by our Chief Executive and Company Secretary.
- You can demonstrate independent judgement, an ability to think creatively and a willingness to speak your mind.
- You have a real passion for our work and are willing to be an advocate in relation to networking and profile raising.
- You have lived life experience of disability - be it directly, through caring or your professional background.
- You can demonstrate an appreciation and acceptance of the legal duties and responsibilities of Trusteeship.

Working Together

In the role of Trustee you will support the vision and the direction of the charity. We will ask you to attend Trustee meetings to provide strategic oversight, either in person or via web link as we wish to promote flexible working.

In addition, there will be varied engagement with the charity - an average time commitment for this role is c. 8 to 10 hours per month. This may be for planned Trustee oversight or to respond to events and ad hoc issues that require Trustee input.

Examples include scrutinising Board papers, reviewing financial performance, and exploring how we can enhance our reach and impact as a charity. We will provide induction support and ongoing development and training. The role has no remuneration but we reimburse any out of pocket expenses.

As well as us benefitting from your skills and experience, you will be able to take the following from your role:

- Development of new knowledge and skill-sets as we steward the charity.
- Enjoyment - we are highly professional but we enjoy what we do, with a real sense of giving back to local communities.
- Meeting new people - we are small but have extensive reach in the maritime, voluntary and corporate sectors.
- Flexibility - we have adapted our work practices to continue to manage the charity through online meetings, email and social distancing where required. This also reflects the busy lives of our Trustees and their other commitments.

Let's keep it simple. We know you're busy. At this stage all we need from you is a copy of your CV and covering letter of up to two pages, explaining why you would like to join us. If you meet our criteria, we'll then be in touch to arrange a discussion so you can find out more, and we can discuss our requirements and your questions.

If you would like to discuss the role informally, please contact Chair of Trustees Andy Fell via andy@wetwheelsfoundation.org or call 07825 686 861.

We welcome applications from people with different backgrounds who will increase the diversity of our Board. For more information visit our website www.wetwheelsfoundation.org and please send your application to andy@wetwheelsfoundation.org

Deadline for applications is 4th March 2022. Thank you.