Vision of Adventure are looking for Trustees (Volunteer Role)

Trustee with Outdoor Activity Management Experience

Background

Vision of Adventure is a small Charity creating a big impact in the Visually Impaired world.

We provide adventurous activities for visually impaired adults whose only barrier to independent participation is their sight loss.

Currently we offer climbing, canoeing, caving, tandem cycling, open-water swimming and hillwalking. Most of our provision takes the form of residential weekend courses.

We provide a decent level of challenge and independence and take activities well beyond the beginner or taster level sessions often offered to people with disabilities.

Our participants usually forge a long-term relationship with the charity often becoming skilled practitioners in the activities they do.

I (Jill Corso) founded the charity in 2018 and acted as Operations Manager for the first 6 years of its existence. I am a well-qualified outdoor instructor with 40 years of experience, and the trustees have always relied upon me to take full responsibility for the charity's activities. As I am heading to retirement and will be replaced by a new Operations Manager, the current trustees would like to strengthen the board by recruiting further trustees who have senior management experience in the outdoor activity world.

The Role Involves

The main focus of this trustee role is to oversee the activities of the new Operations Manager.

We intend to recruit carefully for the Operations Manager role and feel it essential to have someone in post who can be relied upon to run our activities and manage our outdoor staff with minimal direction from the board. With this in mind, we would like to get appropriate trustees in

place before this recruitment process begins so that they can be fully involved from the start.

Once the recruitment is complete routine trustee duties would involve

- Attending trustee meetings (6 to 8 per year).
- Reviewing risk assessments and other similar policies.
- Reviewing incident, accident and near miss reports.
- Assisting with Operations Manager appraisals, performance reviews, etc.
- Being the Operations Manager's point of contact with the Board.

What are we looking for

- Experience of working in the outdoor industry at a senior level.
- A passion for the outdoors and an interest in helping to make it accessible for those with a visual impairment.
- Time and enthusiasm to share with Vision of Adventure.
- You don't necessarily need experience of visual impairment, we have lots of that already on the board!

What difference will you make?

You will be part of moving Vision of Adventure forward and making it sustainable into the future.

Take a look at our recent Impact Report and you will see what a difference Vision of Adventure makes in the life of our VI participants.

If you think you are a good fit for this role we'd love to hear from you, please email office@visionofadventure.org