**SEEKING CHAIR OF TRUSTEES**

**A description of the role and the organisation**

B Sharp is a young people’s music charity, passionate about building a sound future for young people through music. We offer a broad, inclusive programme of music, singing, participation, creation, performance and development from early years to adulthood, and to young people from a wide variety of backgrounds across West Dorset, East Devon and South Somerset.

Over the year 2021-22 B Sharp worked with 743 young people, across 395 sessions. 332 of these young people had additional needs or vulnerabilities. We work with young people in our own clubs and groups, and through partnerships with pre-schools, schools and youth, community and cultural sectors.

Through these music opportunities, B Sharp’s mission is to bring out the strengths in young people irrespective of their musical ability by supporting and inspiring, building confidence, increasing self-esteem and promoting a sense of being part of something positive.

B Sharp’s current Chair leaves in April 2023 and we are looking for a new Chair of the Trustee Board who is committed to B Sharp’s vision, who will support the CEO/Artistic Director, and lead and develop the Board.

**Role of the Chair of Trustees**

The B Sharp board works effectively together and meets 4 times per year. The Chair will be expected to take the lead, ensuring these meetings are properly run such that the Trustees comply with their duties and the charity is well governed. In addition, you will line manage the Chief Executive/Artistic Director on behalf of the Trustees and provide support and challenge by acting as a ‘critical friend’ around issues of strategic decision making. You will lead the drive for B Sharp to continue to improve its capability and capacity to provide a lively and relevant offer for local young people.

**What we are looking for**

We are looking for someone who is an excellent communicator, and who can act as an ambassador for B Sharp. The ability to think strategically is highly important. Specific knowledge about music is not essential, although understanding of the arts and cultural sector and experience of dealing with issues facing charities would be useful. Established networks within local and national cultural sectors would be helpful, but not essential.

B Sharp are committed to equality of opportunity and diversity of access, both to our work with young people and within the organisation. B Sharp wants its Board and team to reflect the diversity of the communities it serves, and applications are welcomed from people across cultures, genders, ethnicities, and lifestyles. The role of Chair will include actively supporting this agenda.

**Required Time Commitment**

The Chair will need to be able to commit time to the charity as follows:

* Supporting CEO/Artistic Director through regular meetings/discussions - 2 hours per month on average
* Minor financial duties/authorising payments - 30 minutes per month
* Chairing Trustee Meetings - 4 meetings per year

There will also be ad hoc projects and pieces of work to which trustees contribute.

**To Express an Interest:**

To apply for this voluntary position, please send an email to info@bsharp.org.uk briefly telling us about yourself and your interest in the role. Please include your contact details.

If you wish to speak to the current Chair or the CEO/Artistic Director prior to expressing an interest, we will be very happy to do so – please get in touch through info@bsharp.org.uk to arrange a conversation.

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