



Board of Directors Vacancy

About Edinburgh Young Carers

Edinburgh Young Carers (EYC) is a well-respected, sector-leading body and operates to help young people with caring responsibilities across Edinburgh. We are committed to giving young people the very best support and opportunities via a range of high quality and person-centred services. We ensure a rights-based approach to our work: young carers are actively involved in shaping our development – from raising awareness of their needs to helping us deliver change through campaigning efforts.

About this Opportunity

Being a Board member is a voluntary role which carries legal responsibilities that are the same as those of a company director. Every Board member shares the same level of responsibility regardless of their background. Members will offer life experience and/or professional expertise.

As with all our Board roles, this is a voluntary position and has no remuneration attached to it, however all reasonable expenses incurred will be reimbursed. We will provide full training for the role, including a supportive induction as well as the opportunity to attend a Board meeting prior to appointment.

The Board meets around six times a year on a Wednesday evening. At times, you may be asked for extra commitment for specific projects; agreed through negotiation. At present, the Board has two sub-committees; one focusing on quality and risk and the other on remuneration and benefits. On average, applicants can expect to spend a few hours per month on EYC matters (including Board meetings).

This is an excellent and rewarding opportunity for an individual with the right mix of experience and passion, who is looking for a meaningful way to help improve the lives of young carers across Edinburgh.

Currently, our Board has members with a range of skills and backgrounds, including; education, finance, marketing and communications and the charitable and public sectors. The Board works well together with members supporting each other as well as employed staff and the senior management team.

Skills & Experience

We are looking for someone who can provide a commitment in supporting the delivery of a high-quality service to young carers. The principal areas of specialism we are currently seeking are those with knowledge or experience in social work, I.T., business and commerce, substance use, child protection, and those with direct experience of being a young carer or young adult carer - either presently, or in the past. We will also actively consider anyone with relevant skills in other disciplines.

Meetings

Board meetings take place six times per year, alternately online via video conference and face to face at the offices of Edinburgh Young Carers, Norton Park, 57 Albion Road, Edinburgh EH7 5QY.

Additional Factors - Accessibility Details

Wheelchair Access: Available | Disabled Toilet: Available

Minimum Age

Volunteers must be at least 18 years of age.

Applications/Further Information

If you are interested in this wonderful opportunity, please visit our website, where you can download an Application Form and more information about the role: [Edinburgh Young Carers/Vacancies](#)

Alternatively, please call our office on 0131 475 2322, or email: info@youngcarers.org.uk

Comments from Current Board Members

"Being a board member with this charity is highly recommended by me. A small charity, with a huge impact, so well run and a lovely group of people to work with. The best thing is that it's not a huge amount of time that you have to commit - only one meeting every few months, with other bits and pieces occasionally. The Young Carers are at the heart of everything we do - they are inspirational! I have found my involvement with Edinburgh Young Carers to be truly rewarding."

Dawn Moloney, EYC Board Member

"In my experience, a good Board is about having the right mix of skills and people involved. You won't be an expert on everything, but as a Board we work together to ensure we ask the right questions, provide support and constructive challenge, to ensure our organisation is the best it can be. EYC is a fantastic organisation doing important work, so if you think you have something to offer us, we'd love to hear from you."

Jess Wade, EYC Chair

"The reason I enjoy working for Edinburgh Young Carers is that I know that every decision the Board makes provides immediate support for the dedicated EYC team to make significant impacts on the lives of young carers in Edinburgh."

Dave Harrold, EYC Board Member

"I joined the Board of Trustees in 2023 and took on the role as vice-chair supporting Jess in 2025 [...]. My wife is CEO of an Edinburgh based charity, and understanding the work she and her team do to support their community, gave me the urge to do something myself to support a similar organisation. Thankfully, I got the opportunity to join the EYC board. Since joining I have been so impressed by the desire shown by all colleagues to support the young carer network. It is truly inspiring. I look forward to supporting the great work and see the organisation flourish and continue to provide their excellent services."

Craig Wilson, EYC Vice Chair