

Become an ELHAP Trustee



**and make a real difference
to thousands of children
across North East London**

What is ELHAP?

ELHAP is an adventure playground for children and young people with disabilities and an adult day service for adults with disabilities. We are a little oasis in North East London, a secret garden, an extraordinary environment unlike any other, an off beat, one off that is untarnished by the bureaucracy that governs so many larger organisations. We are looking for people who see ELHAP for what it is and yet also see the possibilities for what it can become.

ELHAP is led by an enthusiastic and motivated Board of Trustees providing strategic direction for the whole organisation. They are now keen to recruit new Trustees who, between them, would be able to help steer ELHAP now and in the future.

What is an ELHAP Trustee?

Trustees are the people responsible for ensuring that ELHAP has a clear strategy, that it remains true to its original vision, and that it complies with all necessary rules and legal obligations. Collectively, trustees are known as the board, and they have a number of formal roles and responsibilities, which include appointing key people and keeping a check on ELHAP's finances and activities. You can think of a trustee as a guardian looking out for ELHAP's best interests and promoting its aims in the wider world.

Trustees guide ELHAP. They make sure it's heading in the right direction and doing what it was set up to do. The role of trustee is voluntary.

Who can become an ELHAP Trustee?

ELHAP Trustees should have the following qualities:

- An interest in ELHAP and its services.
- Integrity.
- Commitment to ELHAP and its objectives.
- Willingness to devote the necessary time and effort to their duties as a Trustee (at least attending one evening meeting a month).
- Good, independent judgement.
- An ability to think creatively.
- An ability to work effectively as a member of a team.
- A desire to make a difference.

How I became an ELHAP Trustee...

Dave

I became a trustee of ELHAP about 3 years ago, soon after I retired. I wanted to use the experience I had gained in business to help with the running and development of the charity. Although I had no experience of special needs I do have an empathy with the service users. The charity needs a balance of experiences within the group, whether care service, education, local government or commercial business. It is a very rewarding role providing great satisfaction as well as being fun. Our meetings are always relaxed and welcoming. The time it takes is not necessarily significant, just whatever you can give. But be warned, this is a special place and, once bitten by its magic, difficult to ignore.



Wendy

Two years ago, I was introduced to ELHAP by my best friend. I was unsure if I could contribute anything to ELHAP because all my skills and experience were in Human Resource Management. I have not only been able to contribute to supporting the Board of Trustees and the Management team on staffing issues, but have been lucky enough to become involved in our environmental project, and the 30th Anniversary celebrations to name but a few. I have managed to attend most monthly meetings over the past couple of years, as well as using a couple of my annual leave days to get involved in other things, but this extra time is totally up to me. I enjoy the time I spend at ELHAP so giving a little extra time when needed is a pleasure. Finally, if you are thinking about becoming a Trustee at ELHAP I would urge you to come along to have a look around. It is a wonderfully unique place that has an enchantment all of its own and I dare anyone not to be captivated by the place.

make a difference...

...be an ELHAP Trustee



Find out more about becoming an ELHAP Trustee...

For further information, to have a chat about becoming a Trustee or to visit us, please contact ELHAP at:

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