

Swindon Youth for Christ are looking for wonderful, gifted, and passionate people to join our Executive Committee (Trustee Board)

SYFC is a dynamic and innovative Christian faith based youth work organisation that has been working with the young people of Swindon for over 60 years. Our mission is to take and be Good News, in relevant ways, to young people in Swindon.

Swindon YFC is involved in youth and schools work. In schools we run a number of lunch clubs, afterschool clubs, lead assemblies, support school lessons and deliver a relationships education programme called LUSH. Outside of schools we support local community youth clubs, and run a number of youth work projects like the Pinehurst Chaplaincy, the NOISE, IMPACT and many others. We work in partnership; with churches, schools, the local police, the local authority, lots of volunteers and other organisations.

SYFC is the longest continuously running YFC centre in the country. We have recently celebrated our 60th anniversary giving thanks to God for the many young lives that have been transformed through our work over this time. We are now looking ahead to the next chapter in the life of the organisation and are looking to strengthen the team that provides leadership, guidance, governance and vision for the work of SYFC.

Would you consider joining us? The minimum commitment is to attend our monthly trustees meetings and to provide us with your input, advice, guidance and support through that forum. There may also be a small amount of preparation necessary for each meeting and action points arising from meetings where people sign up for specific tasks or responsibilities. Beyond this people give of their time in accordance with their own personal situations in order to develop projects for us or support the work further. Each trustee is involved in the life of their local church, and we seek to understand and respect this by ensuring that the commitment to SYFC is not too large or demanding, whilst being at a level where you can make a real and valuable difference to our work, vision, development and mission.

As well as looking for people who are passionate about our mission to take the Good News of Jesus relevantly to every young person in Swindon we are also seeking people with some specific skills and giftings:

Chair of Trustees

This is a crucial role for us and involves chairing trustees meetings, coordinating the trustee committee and being the key link between the Centre Director and the trustees. This is the most time demanding of all the trustee roles as it requires a higher level of involvement and input into the organisation.

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Finance Team Leader

We already have a team of volunteers in place who manage our finances on a day to day basis, running our financial systems, liaising with the bank, running payroll and producing reports. We are looking for a team leader who can provide financial wisdom and guidance to us as an organisation, oversee our financial situation and ensure that we are good stewards of the financial resources which we are given.

Trustee with Human Resources experience

We are currently an employer of 5 paid staff and 2 full time gap year students. We are also hosting a Centre for Youth Ministry student and hopeful that in the future we will also be able to expand our team and increase the capacity of the organisation. We are therefore looking for someone who can assist us with our recruitment of staff and help us to ensure that we continue to strive to be an excellent employer.

Trustee with Fundraising experience

We are an independent charity (No. 274402) funded by the support of local individuals and churches as well as grant funders. In order to increase our capacity we need to grow our support base and seek and explore new funding opportunities. We would value the input of someone with experience in this field who can provide us with guidance on how to explore new opportunities and raise the fundraising profile of the organisation.

Trustee with a focus for Prayer

We recognise the importance of prayer to us as an organisation and have a large team of prayer supporters who diligently uphold us in prayer every day, in all we do. We are keen to have someone on our Exec that can help us to ensure that prayer is central to all we do and to help us involve more people in supporting us in prayer.

Trustee to represent the Clergy and Churches of Swindon

We are passionate about working in partnership with the local churches of Swindon to see young people reached with the gospel and then disciplined within local church communities. Our current clergy representative is standing down and we are looking to replace him with someone who can represent the churches of Swindon on our Exec.

Trustee with experience in Secondary Schools

This might be as a school teacher, support staff member, SLT member or a school governor. Schools work is at the heart of all that we do and is our main focus of work as we seek to take the Good News into schools in a variety of ways so that young people get the opportunity to encounter, experience and explore the Christian faith. Because this is the main focus of our work we are eager to have someone on our Exec who can provide us with wisdom and guidance from the perspective of schools on how we can best work with them to achieve our mission.

Trustee with Management/Business Leadership Experience

We are looking for someone with experience in business leadership, or the management of small businesses, projects or teams to help us to develop and move forward as an organisation developing new youth work projects and

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putting systems in place to enable us to maintain and grow existing schemes of work.

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