



RECRUITMENT OF TRUSTEES

Howgill Family Centre works to improve the lives of children, families and their communities in Copeland.

Howgill is a very well established local charity founded in the late 1970's. It has a strong reputation, with service users, communities and other agencies, for providing excellent services and support. Howgill is governed by unpaid volunteer Trustees. Since losing the Cumbria County Council contract for running Children's Centres and family services in 2020, the Board have worked tirelessly to ensure Howgill remains at the heart of the community as we move forward with a number of exciting projects and plans. We run 4 Early Years settings in and around Whitehaven and Cleator Moor, provide Emotional Wellbeing services to local primary schools, provide Family Finance support to local families, work in partnership with the Good Enough Start service in Millom and work in partnership with a number of organisations across Cumbria as part of the Cumbria Early Years Communication project. We also work with West Cumbrian partners as part of Sellafield's Transforming West Cumbria: Family Wellbeing programme. As well as all these developments we have been successful in becoming a Bedrock organisation funded by Sellafield Ltd which means we are looking to appoint a Business Development Officer to help us implement our ambitious development plans.

The support of local funders such as Sellafield Ltd, Copeland Community Foundation Cumbria Community Foundation, Francis C Scott Charitable Trust and Phyliss Harney Trust has been outstanding and has enabled us to maintain and develop our services. Particular skills being sought include, finance, systems management, project management, IT – systems, website and social media management, building maintenance and project development, HR, Social entrepreneurship and fundraising although these are not exclusive. Experience, expertise and enthusiasm are what we are looking for.

The rewards are the satisfaction of overseeing an organisation that is making a positive difference to the lives of thousands of children and families in the area, many of whom are disadvantaged or vulnerable. All Trustees are therefore required to hold an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Certificate that Howgill will arrange.

If you are interested in being considered please apply by submitting your CV and a covering letter outlining your interests and experience:

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