

Eczema Outreach Support Volunteer Trustee Role Description

Do you want to make a lasting difference to children and young people affected by eczema? Do you want to gain leadership experience at a UK-wide charity that is delivering essential support to families?

If the answer is yes, then join Eczema Outreach Support's Board of Trustees.

Eczema Outreach Support (EOS) is a UK-wide charity supporting children and young people with eczema and their families. We want to make sure that no child's future is lost to eczema. We are a small team making a big impact and we couldn't do this without the support and expertise of our trustees.

We are looking for four new trustees to join our dynamic team of trustees to lead EOS as it moves into the second year of our organisational strategy.

Personal experience of eczema is not essential, however, a commitment to making the lives of families facing this unpredictable condition better is vital.

What will you be doing?

As a trustee you would be part of the EOS Board who are responsible for the strategic oversight of the organisation, managing risk and overseeing the organisation's finances. This is a strategic role with charity operations being carried out by the staff and volunteer team.

All trustees:

- Attend quarterly online Board Meetings in January, April, July and October. These usually take place on a weekday evening between 8pm and 9:45pm
- Attend the AGM, online, usually in the Autumn during a weekday evening
- Attend the annual away day (in-person, full day during the week). Accommodation & travel expenses can be reimbursed

We also ask that all trustees are willing to join one sub-committee relevant to their areas of expertise and interests. Sub-committees usually meet once per quarter, online, at a time to suit members.

Where will you be based?

Trustee meetings, senior staff meetings and the AGM all take place online via Zoom.

Our Away Day is usually an in-person event.

Sub-committee meetings take place online via Zoom or Teams at a time that works for members.

Skills and Experience

The following would be for the role:

- Ability to think creatively and strategically, exercise independent judgement and work effectively as part of our helpful team of trustees
- A strong commitment to equity, diversity and inclusion
- Enthusiasm for our vision, values and delivering our strategic plan to ensure that children and young people with eczema can thrive
- Willingness and ability to understand and accept your responsibilities and liabilities as trustees and to act in the best interests of EOS

We want to strengthen the diversity of our team. We strongly encourage applications from people from the widest possible diversity of backgrounds, cultures and experiences.

What support will you get?

The Chair of the Board will support you in your role. You will also work closely with our CEO. You may be offered to attend relevant training courses and may attend a Board Meeting on a trial basis before committing to the role so you can learn more about EOS and how we operate.

Out of Pocket Expenses

As this is a voluntary role, you won't be paid for your time, but we will reimburse all reasonable expenses in line with our Expenses Policy.

Safeguarding

EOS is committed to keeping everyone we work with safe. We have robust safeguarding policies and procedures in place and will provide you with training relevant to your role. If you ever have a concern about anyone you come into contact with during your volunteering, please speak to our CEO or the Chair of the Board immediately. Trustees are expected to complete some online safeguarding training.

General

To keep everyone safe and supported, all trustees must operate within EOS's policies and guidelines relevant to their role. In particular, you must agree to and follow the EOS Code of Conduct for Trustees. At the start of every Board Meeting, trustees are also asked to declare any conflicts of interest.

What difference will you make?

As a trustee, you will play a crucial role in shaping the stability and growth of EOS. Your experience and expertise will significantly impact our ability to support children and young people and their families facing eczema. With your help, we can make sure that they will thrive.

Useful Links

- Trustee responsibilities: www.oscr.org.uk/managing-a-charity/trustee-duties/
- Eczema Outreach Support: www.eos.org.uk
- Our current trustees: <https://eos.org.uk/who-we-are/>
- EOS Safeguarding Policy: www.eos.org.uk/healthcare-professionals/policy/
- EOS Annual Accounts: www.eos.org.uk/annual-report/

If you are interested in applying for the role or want to find out more then please contact Suzi Holland, CEO, on suzi@eos.org.uk or 07915 417 676.

Our application process is as follows:

1. Informal chat with CEO, Suzi Holland
2. Send your CV and covering letter sharing why you'd like to join the Board of Trustees to suzi@eos.org.uk
3. Interview with Chair of the Board and one other trustee, either online or in person to suit you. Interviews are planned to take place on **Friday 14 August** but there can be some flexibility around this.
4. Trial Board Meeting
5. One trustee will nominate you to join the Board at the next Board meeting.