



Exploring Trusteeship

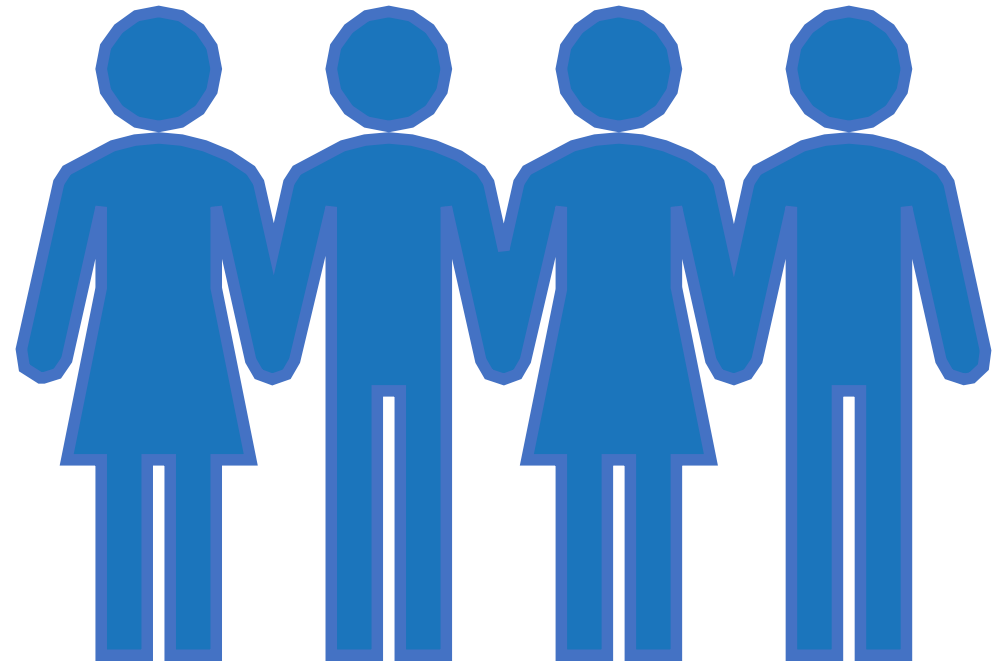
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What is a trustee?

“**Charity** trustees are the people who share ultimate responsibility for governing a **charity** and directing how it is managed and run.

They may be called trustees, the board, the management committee, governors, directors or something else”

Charity Commission - The Essential Trustee



The Charity Commission: The Essential Trustee -

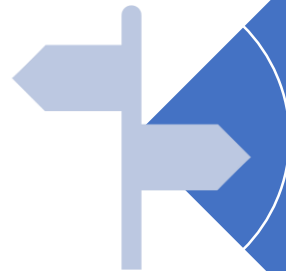
6 main duties



Ensure your charity carries out its purposes for public benefit



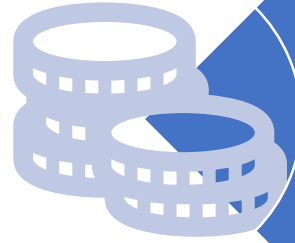
Comply with your governing document and the law



Act in your charity's best interests

The Charity
Commission:
The Essential
Trustee (CC3)

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Manage your charity's
resources responsibly



Act with reasonable
care and skill



Ensure your charity is
accountable

What is required of trustees?



Commitment

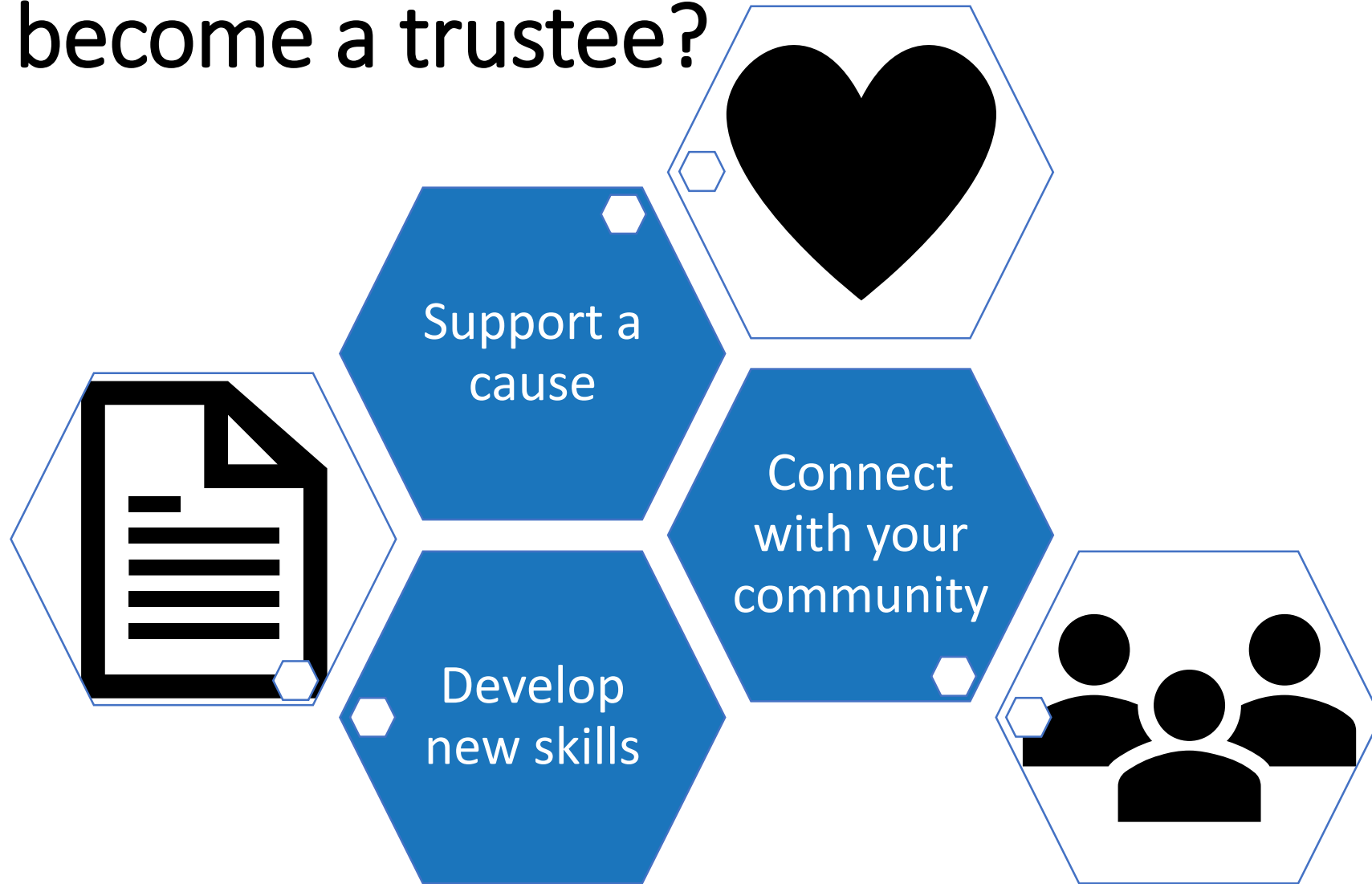


Time



Skills

Why become a trustee?



How can I find the right role for me?



Do your research - look at the charity's website, read previous annual reports & accounts, ask for a copy of the constitution, business plans, etc



Build the relationship - take opportunities to meet the staff, volunteers and beneficiaries of the charity - don't be afraid to ask questions



Have clear expectations - ask for a trustee role description, understand what the charity expects of your time, number of meetings, etc - find out about their recruitment and induction process



Try it out - ask to attend a trustee meeting or two, meet with current trustees informally

Further information & support

- Getting on Board
[How to become a charity trustee](#)
- The Charity Commission (CC3) -
[The Essential Trustee](#)

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