



Settle Community Library

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WANTED – TRUSTEES FOR SETTLE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Settle Community Library is a charitable body managed locally by a team of trustees, each of whom serve for a maximum of six years. Several trustees are coming to the end of their terms of office so the remaining trustees are now looking for new members to join them. The role of the trustees is to determine policy for managing the library within rules set by North Yorkshire Council and the Charity Commission. A description of the role of Trustees generally is available on the Charity Commission website, at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/charity-trustee-whats-involved>.

Settle Community Library is staffed almost entirely by volunteers, and with this in mind the trustees must (a) ensure that the library has sufficient trained volunteers to provide a good service and (b) encourage the local community to make use of its facilities. The library's users range from small children to the most elderly adults and include people with disabilities. North Yorkshire Council also requires the library building to be made available for non-library uses outside public hours. The trustees need to consider applications for these other uses, assess their impacts on the library's revenues and costs, and strike a balance between possibly conflicting requirements.

Trustee meetings take place in the library, nine times per year. Meetings normally start at 10am and last between one and a half and two hours. Trustees are expected to attend *all* meetings except where their absence is unavoidable: the trustee role, though voluntary and unpaid, is by no means a casual one. Financial responsibility for the work of trustees is borne by North Yorkshire Council, not by the trustees.

Applicants for trusteeships should be regular users of Settle Community Library, computer literate and financially literate. Skills in modern IT-based communications would be especially welcome. If you meet these requirements and are interested in becoming a Trustee, please email a letter of interest to secretary@settlelibrary.org.uk by June 30 2023.