The Fishermen's Mission: Trustee Opportunity

Ordained Christian Minister or Christian Religious Professional

About Us

Founded in 1881, the Fishermen's Mission is the UK's only national charity dedicated solely to supporting fishermen and their families. For 145 years, we have provided practical, financial, and pastoral support to those working in fishing, as well as those who have retired from the industry.

Our support includes:

- Emergency help following accidents or crises
- Financial assistance (for essentials such as food, bills, and housing)
- Health and well-being support
- Practical, pastoral, and faith-based care in times of need

About the Role

Trustees help guide and lead the charity. As a trustee, you will be part of the Board and will play an important role in ensuring the charity remains effective, accountable, and true to its mission.

You will:

- Help shape the charity's direction and strategy
- Ensure the charity operates within legal and regulatory requirements
- Support and appropriately challenge the leadership team
- Help ensure resources are used responsibly and effectively

This is a governance role. Trustees do not manage the day-to-day running of the charity; this is carried out by staff.

Who We Are Looking For

As part of our ongoing Board development, we are seeking to appoint an ordained Christian minister or a suitably experienced Christian religious professional, reflecting our ecumenical Christian foundations.

You will join an existing ordained minister and a diverse Board of trustees who share a commitment to our mission and values.

Previous trustee experience is not required. We welcome applications from those who feel called to serve in this way.

Location and Meetings

- The charity has a UK-wide presence
- Our Head Office is in Whiteley, Hampshire
- Four Board meetings per year (typically two in person in Central London and two online)
- Occasional committee meetings (usually online)

Support and Accessibility

We are committed to making this role accessible and inclusive.

We can provide:

- Information in clear, accessible formats
- Flexible communication methods
- Additional support where needed

Please let us know how we can support you.

Expenses

This is a voluntary (unpaid) role.

Reasonable travel and other agreed expenses will be reimbursed.

How to Apply

To apply, please send:

- A CV
- A short statement explaining your interest in the role

Plain English applications are very welcome.

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