

Nomination Form for the Board of Trustees

I (name) Tania Skae

I would be interested in serving as a Trustee and member of the Management Board of the Trust for Developing Communities and would like my name to be put forward for election at the Annual General Meeting.

Signed: Tania Skae

Date: 20/11/2020

Why I wish to serve as a Trustee of TDC:

Please outline, in maximum 150 words, why you wish to serve as a Trustee of TDC.

Having worked as funder, fundraiser, trustee and consultant I want to support TDC to fund and deliver successful projects that bring effective, inclusive and connected solutions that addressing identified social issues. I have good community development experience as well as fundraising and programme management and am keen to bring my perspective to the Trustee team. I am passionate about delivering good projects, which involves fundraising from relevant sources, delivering achievable and impactful projects and recording and measuring difference in new ways that work for the charity (not just the funder). I believe in locally led, inclusive and grassroots solutions for communities rather than top down or imposed initiatives. I would like to use my experience to help the team evidence clear need and deliverability for projects in order to successfully approach and secure funds from a range of sources including trusts, foundations, corporate and statutory sources.

What I will offer as a Trustee of TDC:

Please outline, in maximum 350 words, your relevant knowledge, skills and experience and the specific area you would offer to lead on behalf of the Board (Please see Trustee roles document).

I bring project management, programme management, fundraising, impact measurement and project evaluation experience across a range of areas and sectors including health, wellbeing, arts, youth, older people, sport, regeneration and heritage.

I have good understanding of how to present community initiatives to funders/commissioners to demonstrate how they help them to achieve against their own aims and to deliver against identified social outcomes. For example, I have designed, fundraised for and managed major grant programmes addressing food insecurity, food waste, youth violence, victim support and estate based issues.

I understand how to design and deliver good programmes that attract funding and have first hand experience of what funders are looking for. As well as assessing and awarding hundreds of grants, I have successfully secured over £6m in five & six figure grants from trust, statutory, major donor, foundation and corporate sources into community based programmes.

I recognise the value of community- led initiatives and advocate for an approach that keeps the positive outcomes for local people central to the initiative, rather than 'chasing the funds' to deliver schemes that perhaps are not best suited to a particular community or social issue. I am keen to work with TDC to bring both funds and capacity into local initiatives to help reduce inequality and improve opportunities for people. With good management and leadership skills and trustee experience, I am comfortable both with leading teams as well as getting involved and delivering as part of a team.

With Sixteen+ years' experience in not- for- profit and community development, six+ years' grant making, programme design, application and assessment process review, consultancy/advisory experience across heritage, regeneration, sport and arts projects and Grant Programme Management/Partnership Management for over 50 corporate, trust and major donor accounts, I feel I have a good range of skills and experience to bring to TDC. I am hard working, empathetic, positive and energetic and would love to work with the team to help tackle inequality in Brighton and Hove through community-led solutions.