

## Why become a Trustee?

### **Contributing to a cause**

It's one of the most powerful ways in which you can give back to your local community or support a cause you really care about, allowing you to feel more connected to your community.

### **Team work**

Being a Trustee often involves lots of talking, listening and working together. A Trustee role is an opportunity to further develop your interpersonal and deliberations skills.

### **Strategic experience**

It's excellent way to increase your strategic experience. Joining a board gives you opportunities to develop your problem solving, critical thinking and leadership skills.

### **Career development**

Businesses are increasingly recognising voluntary activities as great staff development, as being a Trustee is a great method of professional development.

### **Developing skills & experience**

It allows you to apply things you've learned in your career in a new context and an excellent opportunity to develop new skills to apply for the benefit of the Charity – that also benefit you!

### **Professional networks**

A good Trustee takes every opportunity to further the profile of your group but this also increases your profile in communities, businesses, statutory bodies, trusts and foundations.



## **Luddendenfoot Community Association**

From Brownies to Pilates, from football to musical bumps, Luddendenfoot Community Association has got so much going on! With the warmest of welcomes, the centre boasts not one but two large halls with high ceilings and plenty of natural light. With a range of other spaces, including a well-equipped kitchen and IT suite, the space lends itself to so much activity it would be a challenge to find something it couldn't accommodate! The Centre (one of Calderdale's key Anchor Organisations) has been at the heart of the local community since opening in 1914 – and whilst it's had different incarnations – it has always been (and remains to this day) an extraordinary asset for local people, activities and interest groups.

The Centre is financially stable with great potential for growth, there is funding in place to review the physical building, along with ongoing expert advice from Locality (the national body who support Community Anchor organisations).

There is also huge development potential here for the Centre to increase its offer to both the immediate Luddendenfoot area and the wider communities around it... But it needs to bring new people on board who have the time and enthusiasm to pick up the baton

Full support and all essential training will be offered from the existing experienced & dedicated Board of Trustees.

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**Facebook Page** <https://www.facebook.com/LudFoot>



## **The Brunswick Centre**

Formerly Calderdale HIV/AIDS Link (CHAL), The Brunswick Centre *'enables people from the communities we serve to make informed choices, build healthier relationships and live positive lives free of stigma'*.

We recognise and celebrate the complexity and intersectionality of the communities we serve, some of whom face huge inequalities and barriers to good health, wellbeing and participation. We aim to work with these communities to co-produce our offer as an organisation, recognising the assets, insight and lived experience that they can bring to the table.

Offering a suite of services and projects, we are passionate and committed to ensuring that person-centred values including independence, individuality, privacy, choice, partnership, dignity, respect and rights are at the core of our service delivery

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We work with a range of local communities in Calderdale and Kirklees, including people living with or at risk of HIV (and their families, friends, communities) and LGBTQIA+ young people.

We have a long and rich history of working with partner services locally, regionally and nationally to ensure we get the best outcomes for the communities we serve.

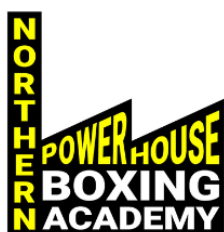
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### **Northern Powerhouse Boxing Academy**

Northern Powerhouse is the first women-led boxing club in the UK, with a goal of providing opportunities to participate in boxing either as an amateur sport or to improve physical and mental wellbeing.

We prioritise our services to women and girls, but we have no gender requirements for participation, offering a safe environment, free from stereotypes and expectations.

Our work extends into our local community working with schools, charities, service providers and community organisations. Set up as a CIC, we are based in Eastwood, between Hebden Bridge and Todmorden.

Website: <https://www.northernpowerhouseboxing.org.uk/>

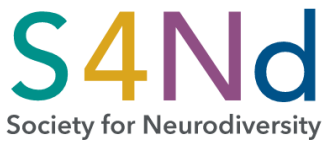
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## Society 4 Neuro Diversity (S4ND)

Society for Neurodiversity (S4Nd) is a neurodivergent member-led community-based organisation. Our members are autistic, dyslexic, dyscalculic, dysgraphic, Tourettic, dyspraxic, ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder) plus friends, family and allies.

We provide a range of services including events and activities, with many having therapeutic benefit for our members. We run a number of creative activities that offer our members opportunities to connect with like-minded people. All the activities are designed and planned *by members for the members*. We also design and deliver services for other organisations.

We exist to promote greater embracing and understanding of neurodiversity, campaign for equality and inclusion for neurodiverse people and to encourage self-empowerment and mutual support amongst the neurodiverse community.

S4Nd's mission is to eradicate ableism by collaborating with people and organisations to change the rules, remove the barriers and push back boundaries for everyone.

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## Next Step Trust

The Next Step Trust is a charity established in 2006 to support adults with learning disabilities and complex health needs.

Established by parents (starting with three 'Next Steppers') our objective is to provide a comprehensive day service provision along with other services such as Respite; Outreach and Home care. We originally provided services to young people between the ages of 19-25 years but now it's about providing young people (including the young at heart if not young in years) with the services that they need to live happier lives, both now and in the future.

Since starting, we have expanded to provide our services over four different bases. Our Vision is to continue to be the best bespoke provider and recognized specialist for adults with profound and multiple learning disabilities.

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White Ribbon UK is a leading national charity that engages with men and boys to take a stand to end violence against women and girls.

Our mission is for all men to fulfil the White Ribbon Promise to never commit, excuse or remain silent about male violence against women and girls.

Our work is preventative, we aim to enable men and boys to individually and collectively end attitudes and behaviours which lead to violence before it starts. We do this through our campaigns and by sharing our expertise both with the public and with a range of public and private sector organisations through our accreditation programme and a nationwide network of nearly 3,000 White Ribbon Ambassadors and Champions.

By enabling men and boys to take a stand to end violence against women, and educating and equipping private and public sector organisations to improve their practice, we are working towards a societal collective to end violence against women and girls.

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### Unique Ways

The challenges facing disabled children, young people, and their families are many. Without support and understanding, it can be difficult to lead ordinary lives.

Our vision is to help create a world where families with children and young people who have physical disabilities, learning disabilities and ongoing health conditions receive all of the support they need.

At Unique Ways, our overarching mission is to support the families of disabled children and young people, empowering them to build their resilience and ensure their voices are heard.

We're a parent carer-led organisation, working to create change so that all children and young people can learn, make friends, and be part of ordinary school and community life.

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Throughout our 18 years history, Unique Ways has had to transform and adapt to new challenges. We need you to help us shape the direction of Unique Ways to ensure we are secure and sustainable as this will enable us to support families now, and into the future.

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### **Halifax Society for the Blind**

For 132 years, Halifax Society for the Blind has worked to reduce the impact of sight loss. This makes us one of the oldest local charities in Calderdale.

Sight loss impacts directly on one in five lives. We have a proud history of arranging services for people – from education and basic work skills at our beginning, and have evolved into our current range of modern and relevant services.

Encountering the setbacks of sight loss can be very challenging – no matter when this occurs in life. We aim to provide the most relevant services, to help people adjust, find ways of pursuing hobbies, and to generally manage everyday the tasks of life – from making meals, to engaging the digital world.

From telephone and online services, to home-visiting and bringing new and life-altering technology to those with sight loss, Halifax Society for the Blind is making a difference every day to people in Calderdale, young and older.

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## **The Rotary**

What is Rotary?... is a question we are frequently asked and one which has many different answers.

We could tell you of the projects that bring clean water and sanitation to people in need, and our health projects that range from Cataract surgery to supplying artificial limbs.

We could tell you of the playgrounds and public gardens we've built in our home town, of the efforts to remove invasive weed species from public parks or of the competitions we run to display the talents and skills of young people.

Or we could tell you about how Rotary International are the driving force behind ridding the world of Polio, a programme that has seen cases reduce from 1000 per day in 1985 to less than 100 in 2020... And we still would only have covered a fraction of what Rotary does.

Our members have a wide range of backgrounds in businesses, professions and public service roles. We are a group of men and women who have different personal backgrounds but one aim - to help others and do good in the world.

We also support local charities around Calderdale, and strive to continue to "*Do good in the world*".

**Website** <https://www.rotary-ribi.org/clubs/homepage.php?ClubID=197>

Please contact us through our website



## **OSCA Foundation**

At OSCA (Ovenden Sports and Community Arena) Foundation we are focused not only on the development of a first-class community sports hub to improve the lives of residents of North Halifax, but we also aim to enable people to set and achieve goals so they can realise their wider potential, confidence, self-esteem and in turn inspire and lead others.

We do everything we can to meet the expectations of those who come to play sport, (or dance or party!) at the wonderful Forest Cottage centre. With a variety of sport activities and top notch facilities to choose from, we offer the warmest of welcomes to our centre users.

Existing Trustees have chosen to develop and grow the Centre steadily, organically, and carefully, thus ensuring a financially stable and bright future ahead for the organisation.

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Run *by* the community *for* the community, the current Trustees, who have established OSCA and worked hard to achieve so much are now looking for new people to join the Board to bring fresh skills and enthusiasm to take the centre forward even further.

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### **Mytholmroyd Station Partnership**

This partnership includes *Mytholmroyd Station Partnership* – an unincorporated group formed in 2006 to transform the local station and *The Station Partnership, Mytholmroyd* – a Charity formed in 2017 to administer the task of transforming the disused and derelict former station building into a Creative Centre for the local community.

We are presently negotiating with Network Rail for a 25 year lease – and seeking funding to complete the refurbishment of the newly renovated structure.

We have around two dozen volunteers and with the effort, time and commitment shown, we have transformed the station and platform area, creating a safe and warm welcome to residents and visitors alike through the addition of artworks from three local schools' youngsters and members of the community.

Honoured with The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service in 2021, (the highest award a voluntary group can receive in the UK), the partnership moves from strength to strength.

We not only try to help the local community and rail users but also our new friendships have been extremely valuable to each other during the recent flooding and Covid restrictions. Many possibilities for community involvement will be possible when the Creative Centre is opened.

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## **Noah's Ark**

Noah's Ark was established in 2000 to serve the locality of Ovenden, expanding over recent years to cover the whole of Calderdale. It was built by the community, for the community, with the aim of improving user's mental, emotional and financial wellbeing.

We are now the largest voluntary-sector provider of therapeutic services in Calderdale, providing a safe haven and place of hope for the whole community.

We exist as a place of welcome where clients may find the support to harness their inner resources to overcome the problems they may face; providing counselling, a money advice service and various other resources to support our clients.

Through our work we aim to promote self-worth, freedom from negative coping strategies and resilience; practising from a place of hope which allows clients to harness their own strengths and abilities to reach their goals.

As a charity, working on a low-cost, affordable fee basis, we are able to work with clients who may otherwise be unable to access counselling services, particularly the medium-long term interventions which we specialise in.

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