**Board Member Opportunities: Trustees**

**Closes 12 noon on Thursday 24th October 2024**

* Are you looking for a new challenge in 2024?
* Would you like to help change lives affected by sexual abuse & abusive relationships?

**About Nexus**

Nexus is a Northern Ireland wide charity with 40 years’ experience in supporting victims and survivors of sexual abuse and abusive relationships.

Every year in Northern Ireland there are thousands of sexually violent crimes reported to PSNI, and thousands more that go unreported. Without specialist support like ours, victims of these crimes will find it even harder to deal with the trauma they experience. The impact of this trauma can be devastating and is lifelong.

We deliver a range of bespoke and specialised supports and services including:

* Trauma informed counselling to those affected by sexual abuse and abusive relationships from age 8
* Aftercare support
* A 24 hour Domestic and Sexual Abuse Helpline, which is funded by the Department of Health, Department of Justice, and the Department for Communities in Northern Ireland
* Education and Training initiatives delivered to a breadth of organisations, professionals, parents, schools and young people on topics such as consent, child sexual exploitation, handling disclosures and healthy relationships.

Our most recent strategic plan (2023- 2026), latest reports, policies and research can be viewed here: [About - Nexus NI](https://nexusni.org/about/)

**Board Members**

The role of a Board Member is to determine the mission and strategic direction of Nexus and support its effective governance by ensuring Nexus meets all of its statutory and legal requirements as well as monitoring performance against budget and key objectives.

We are looking for experienced Trustees who can provide leadership to Nexus and support the CEO and senior team to uphold and promote the values of Nexus. However, we also welcome applications from those without charity board experience as other work experience may be comparable.

**Time Commitment**

The role of a Charity Board Trustee requires a commitment of approximately 3- 4 hours per month, including board meetings, committee meetings, and occasional events.

**Benefits**

As a Trustee, you will have the opportunity to contribute to the strategic direction of the organisation, make a meaningful impact for our service users and collaborate with a dedicated team of professionals.

**What we are looking for…**

If you possess the relevant skills to be a board member and align to our values, then please get in touch. We would particularly welcome applications with any of the following skills and/ or experience: clinical, finance, legal, fundraising & public affairs.

Stakeholder relationships and previous experience in working with bodies such as the criminal justice system, public prosecution service, PSNI and local NHS trusts would also be highly beneficial as we work closely with our external partners to shape the agenda for change within this specialist area.

In addition, you may have a particular empathy with our client and service users, their needs and how they have used similar services. This experience is welcomed as this insight will ensure that our client is at the heart of our decisions.

**Next steps**

The closing date for applications is **no later than 12 noon on Thursday 24thOctober 2024.**

If you are passionate about making a positive difference in the community, we invite you to apply for this rewarding position.

Please submit your CV and a cover letter outlining your relevant experience and interest in the role to: recruitment@nexusni.org

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We welcome applications from all suitably qualified persons. However, as black and minority ethnic groups, male, disabled people, and people from the LGBTQIA+ community are currently under-represented in the board, we would particularly welcome applications from the above-mentioned communities and backgrounds.

All appointments will be made on merit.

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