

# 4 Common Trustee Myths – Busted!



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**Myth 1 - You have to wait to be invited to be a trustee.** This is not true whilst you may hear about a trustee role and may be encouraged to apply, There are thousands of roles out there that you can apply for without being asked. The trap many charities fall into with inviting people to apply for the role is that they end up asking people they know.

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**Myth 2 – Being a trustee takes up a lot of time.** Being a trustee doesn't need to take up a lot of time. The time commitment varies per organisation. For example: it can range from 5 hours a week to 30 hours a year.

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**Myth 3 – You are personally liable if things go wrong.** This is incorrect, personal liability is usually limited to £1 per trustee, meaning that even if the charity was to wind down you would not have to personally pay for any outstanding debts.

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**Myth 4 - You need special qualifications to be a trustee.** This is not the case. Charities are looking for people with a wide-range of skills from financial planning to human resources to team-leadership. Often boards are as interested in your attitude as they are in your skill-set.

*Becoming a Trustee is a fantastic way to give something back to a local cause that you care about all whilst gaining valuable experience and learning new skills within a leadership role*

