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**Organisation:** Norwich Unity Hub CIO  
**Website:** [www.norwichunityhub.co.uk](http://www.norwichunityhub.co.uk)  
**Contract type:** Voluntary – trusteeship  
**Salary:** unpaid – expenses reimbursed  
**Date posted:** August 2025  
**Closing date:** ongoing

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## About us

We are a charity set up in December 2023 to help the voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) sector to access affordable premises whilst building strong communities where groups support one another and work together.

Our vision was to build a community of charities and social enterprises for people, place and planet under one roof in central Norwich, a shared space where we can share and grow our ideas, expertise, equipment and costs, while sustaining a building.

With the support of a passionate and experienced trustee team and in partnership with Norwich City Council, that dream slowly became reality. In October 2024, Norwich Unity Hub opened its doors in Carrow House. Once home to the Colman family, now reimagined as a home for collective community impact.

In less than a year, we've built more than just a workspace. We've nurtured a dynamic ecosystem of 26 organisations, 28 artists, and countless individuals, businesses and groups who use the space to run workshops, host events, collaborate on projects, and offer vital support services. We're breaking down silos and enabling real innovation, inclusion, and resource-sharing at a time when it's needed most.

Norwich Unity Hub isn't just a building. It's a movement rooted in trust, unity and action - one that's quietly reshaping the way community support works in Norfolk and beyond.

We believe this pioneering model of shared infrastructure and collaborative energy deserves to be recognised and celebrated. We've proved that when people come together under one roof with a shared vision, extraordinary things happen and we're just getting started.

## Trustee Call-Out

Norwich Unity Hub is going through an exciting period of growth and we are looking for new trustees to join our existing board - are you passionate about supporting the VCSE sector in Norwich and building communities?

## **Why are we looking for new trustees?**

Since October 2024 the trustee team have been extremely busy establishing the community at Carrow House helping groups get settled into their new home, supporting our resident, hiring, community members, staff and volunteers alongside managing the challenges of a large and complex building and gardens.

We are now looking to consolidate and build on what we have achieved so far to continue to evaluate our strategic development, grow the community and look to the future of Carrow House and other potential properties and it is essential that we grow our trustee team to support this.

## **Who are we looking for?**

Trustees are responsible for the overall governance and strategic direction of our charity. We are seeking innovative and solutions-focused people to help us shape the future of Norwich Unity Hub.

While an understanding and belief in our charitable objectives are key, we are particularly keen to hear from people with skills and experience in any of the following areas:

- Third Sector management
- Organisational development and risk management
- Grant funding
- HR and people development
- Legal and policies
- Safeguarding
- Accessibility and inclusivity, lived experience preferable

## **What can we offer a Trustee?**

Our board give generously of their time to Norwich Unity Hub, a cause they all feel deeply passionate about. We have made a huge difference in the last 9 months and are looking forward to the future.

We have a lively and social board, and can offer you:

- The chance to make a difference to the VCSE sector and become part of a thriving community including attendance at social and networking events if you wish.
- A place to employ your skills and experience within an appreciative and welcoming environment
- The opportunity to collaborate with like-minded individuals.
- A change of scene and access to a safe space offering a rewarding and engaging experience.

## **Application Process**

For more information, or an informal chat, please email [admin@norwichunityhub.co.uk](mailto:admin@norwichunityhub.co.uk). We invite prospective trustees to meet with us at Carrow House before applying if they wish to do so.

If you are interested in becoming a trustee, please send a written statement detailing your skills and experience in relation to our work.

(Please note this is an unpaid position although reasonable expenses will be reimbursed.)