CO-CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Consortium for Street Children is the leading international network dedicated to realising the rights of street children. We are louder together. As a Board member, you will be working to create a better future for some of the most disadvantaged and stigmatised children worldwide.

Role summary

1. Working together with the Co-Chair to provide leadership and direction to the board of Trustees, representing the charity and enabling the Board to fulfil their responsibilities for the overall governance and strategic direction of the organisation;
2. Ensuring the organisation pursues its objects as defined in its governing documents, charity law, company law and other relevant legislation/guidelines;
3. Working in partnership with the Chief Executive and the rest of the executive team to help them achieve the CSC’s aims and to optimise the relationship between the board and executive; and
4. Facilitating the board of trustees in ensuring well-rounded and carefully considered strategic decision-making.
5. This is a voluntary and unpaid position
6. The post can be held for a minimum of three and maximum of six years
7. The position can be structured as a sole chair or co-chair
8. The chair appoints a Vice Chair, who can support sub-committees and deputise for the chair

Main responsibilities of the Co-Chairs

In addition to the responsibilities shared with all trustees, the Chair’s duties include:

1. Working with the Chief Executive and the rest of the board to oversee the formulation, implementation and review of strategic plans;
2. Overseeing the Chief Executive’s activities, leading the process of their appraisal and guiding and supporting their performance;
3. Approving the annual cycle of trustee meetings, chairing and facilitating trustee meetings and monitoring decisions being taken and their implementation;
4. Facilitating decision-making by the board, addressing any potential conflicts and encouraging team working among the trustees;
5. Liaising regularly with the Treasurer to maintain a clear understanding of CSC’s finances and to ensure full and timely financial transparency and reporting to the board;
6. Showing leadership in supporting fundraising efforts. Fundraising is the responsibility of the CEO, but the Chair advises on and supports related work;
7. Working with the Treasurer and the Finance & Risk Sub-committee to maintain an oversight of any risk to reputation and/or financial standing of the organisation;
8. Reviewing the work of Human Resources Sub-Committee, and providing guidance on the recruitment and induction of new trustees and the Chief Executive;
9. Representing CSC as a spokesperson as appropriate at functions or meetings;
10. Acting as a final adjudicator for internal disciplinary or grievance procedures and external complaints;
11. Ensuring adherence and compliance around key policies; and
12. Building relationships and facilitating communication between the board and staff.
Person specifications for the Co-Chair
1. Understanding and acceptance of the legal duties, responsibilities and liabilities of the Trusteeship;
2. Understanding of the sector;
3. Commitment to CSC’s objects, its aims and values and a willingness to devote time to carry out responsibilities;
4. Leadership skills and experience of governance, preferably on a charity board;
5. Experience of chairing meetings and building consensus;
6. The ability to balance tact and diplomacy with willingness to challenge and constructively criticise;
7. A track record of shaping and leading strategies and an ability to develop a forward-thinking vision in relation to CSC’s aims;
8. Good, independent judgement and the ability to think creatively in the context of CSC and the external environment; and
9. Experience in an influencing and ambassadorial role and the personal authority/standing to chair a high-profile international charity.