1. **Trustees role description:**

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.

The duties of CSC’s trustees are:

1. To ensure that the charity complies with its governing document, company and charity law, and any other relevant legislation or regulations
2. To ensure the charity applies its resources exclusively in pursuance of its Objects
3. To contribute actively to the Board of Trustees' role in giving firm strategic direction to the charity, setting overall policy, defining goals, and evaluating performance against agreed targets
4. To protect and ensure the proper management of CSC’s assets, and to ensure the proper investment of the charity's funds
5. To safeguard and promote the good name and values of the charity
6. To act as an ambassador for the charity, including supporting fund raising activity, and representing the charity at functions and meetings as appropriate
7. To attend meetings, and to read papers in advance of meetings
8. To sit on and attend sub-committee meetings as appropriate, taking on responsibilities as set out by the Board
9. In close collaboration with the chief executive and other staff, to build influence and support – including financial support – for the charity; to the extent possible and appropriate, to support the fund raising efforts of the charity by personal example
10. To declare any conflict of interest while carrying out the duties of a trustee
11. To be collectively responsible for the actions of the charity
12. To ensure the effective and efficient administration of the charity
13. To ensure the financial stability of the charity
14. To make sure the charity is properly insured against all reasonable liabilities

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*Adapted from the IVAC model trustee role description as published by NCVO; our thanks to both.*
15. To appoint and support the chief executive and monitor her/his performance

16. In addition to the above duties of all trustees, each trustee should use any specific knowledge or experience they have to help the Board of Trustees reach sound decisions. This will involve scrutinising board papers, leading discussions, focusing on key issues, and providing advice and guidance requested by the Board on new initiatives, or other issues relevant to the charity’s work in which the trustee has special expertise.

17. To participate in other tasks as arise from time to time, such as interviewing new staff or trustees, mentoring new trustees etc.

18. To keep informed about the activities of the charity and wider issues which affect its work.

**Trustees person specification**

1. Eligible to serve as a trustee

2. An understanding and acceptance of the legal duties, responsibilities and liabilities of trusteeship

3. A commitment to the charity and willingness to devote the necessary time and effort

4. Strategic perspective

5. Ability and willingness to add value to the charity and help it to obtain the resources it needs to carry out its current and future work (funding, influence, expertise, relevant connections etc.)

6. Strong communication, interpersonal, ambassadorial and networking skills

7. Strong, independent judgement

8. An ability to think creatively

9. A willingness to speak his or her mind

10. An ability and willingness to work effectively as a member of a team

11. Adherence to Nolan’s seven principles of public life: selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness, honesty and leadership.

12. Such other specialist skills or experience as the Board may identify from time to time.