



Become a Family Voice Trustee – FVS

Helping to Shape the Future of SEND in Surrey

Do you believe families of children and young people with SEND deserve a stronger, more effective voice—especially at a time of significant national and local change?

Family Voice Surrey (FVS) is seeking new Trustees to join our Board as we enter a critical period for SEND, the voluntary sector, and local decision-making in Surrey.

With major SEND reforms recently outlined by the Government, Local Government Reorganisation on the horizon, and increasing pressures on charities operating in a complex funding and policy environment, FVS has recently completed a comprehensive organisational review. We are now embarking on a programme of change to ensure we are well-positioned, resilient, and impactful—able to respond to political change and to advocate effectively for a better SEND offer for families across Surrey.

Join us at this important time to help shape and guide the future FVS.

Who we are looking for

We are keen to hear from people who can bring insight, challenge and strategic thinking to our Board, particularly those with experience in one or more of the following areas:

- Parent carers of children and young people with SEND, with lived experience of the systems and services families navigate in Surrey
- Education, Health or Social Care, including SEND services, commissioning, or system leadership (CAMHS knowledge particularly welcome)
- Charity, public or voluntary sector experience, or strong transferable professional skills such as governance, finance, HR, fundraising, communications, digital, or operational leadership
- Understanding of the political and policy landscape in Surrey, with the ability to build relationships, influence decision-makers and navigate change

Above all, we are looking for Trustees who are committed to ensuring that parent carer voice is meaningful, representative and able to shape services—not just respond to them.

We particularly welcome applications from disabled people and Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) candidates, who are currently under-represented on our Board.

About the role

As a Trustee of Family Voice Surrey, you will play a key role in guiding the organisation through change and helping it remain credible, effective and influential during a period of reform and uncertainty. Trustees collectively are responsible for:

- Ensuring FVS operates in line with its charitable purpose, governing documents and legal responsibilities
- Providing strategic direction and constructive challenge as the organisation adapts and develops
- Safeguarding the charity's financial sustainability and long-term resilience
- Acting as an ambassador for FVS, supporting relationships with families, partners and system leaders

This is an opportunity to contribute at a strategic level to improving outcomes for children and young people with SEND in Surrey at a time when strong governance and informed leadership matter more than ever.

For an informal discussion please email

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To apply please email your expression of interest to

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attaching your CV