



**South Liverpool  
Domestic Abuse  
Services**

## **Advert: Volunteer Trustee**

South Liverpool Domestic Abuse Services (SLDAS) are seeking volunteer Trustees to join our Board to oversee the charity's governance, compliance and planning. As an independent charity, SLDAS offer free and accessible support to women who experience domestic abuse in South and South-Central Liverpool.

Domestic abuse has a devastating impact upon individuals, families and communities. Year on year, recorded incidents of domestic abuse have increased in Merseyside and rose sharply during the pandemic as women were isolated at home with perpetrators. SLDAS saw a significant rise in referrals for support with Covid-19 adding additional and complex pressures on our services. Women are falling through the net and we want to do more to help them.

To support our important work, we need to recruit 2 new trustees to the Board. Having reviewed the skills of our current Board, we are particularly interested in receiving applications from women with strong skills and professional experience in the following areas:

- Finance/accounting/fundraising
- Service design/development/evaluation
- Charity governance/legal experience
- Risk management and safeguarding

Becoming a Trustee with SLDAS offers a chance to make a real difference to the lives of women at risk of domestic abuse, but it will also offer you opportunities to meet new people, take on new challenges and volunteer in an interesting and strategic role. SLDAS recognise that the role of a Trustee is a responsible position and that you may require training and support to conduct your role to the best of your ability. We therefore offer Trustees an induction, ongoing training and opportunities for mentoring from other Trustees.

Successful candidate(s) will demonstrate:

- A commitment to support women in South Liverpool to live their lives free from violence, abuse and fear
- A willingness and ability to devote the necessary time and effort
- Good, independent judgement and an ability to think creatively
- A willingness to speak your mind
- An understanding and acceptance of the legal duties, responsibilities and liabilities of trusteeship
- An ability to work effectively as a member of a team

The time commitment for Trustees is around 4-6 hours a month. Board meetings are monthly, usually on a Saturday or in the evenings and Trustees are required to attend a minimum of 50% each year. Trustee positions are unremunerated, but reasonable travel, subsistence and childcare expenses will be reimbursed.

We're passionate about ensuring that there's a strong mix on our Board with women from varying backgrounds, experiences and skills. We believe that by having a diverse group of women we can collectively make better decisions and better serve our beneficiaries. So, in this round of Trustee recruitment, we want to try to achieve a better balance in the voices on our Board by recruiting women from Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic backgrounds and women with lived experience of domestic abuse.

- **Closing date for applications: 5:00pm on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021**
- **Date of informal interviews: week commencing 25<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

We are open to enquiries from women who may be interested in joining our Board on a rolling basis, so please get in touch even if the closing date has passed.

### **How to apply**

For an informal discussion or to request a trustee recruitment pack, please contact our Chair Nina Doran via [manager@sldas.co.uk](mailto:manager@sldas.co.uk).

To apply for the role please send the following information to [manager@sldas.co.uk](mailto:manager@sldas.co.uk):

1. CV
2. Covering Letter (Please outline how you meet the criteria in the Person Specification)
3. Completed Equal Opportunities Form

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