



Trustee - The Newark Trust

Location: Port Glasgow / Inverclyde
Commitment: 6 meetings annually + Strategy Day (Voluntary, reasonable expenses covered)
Closing Date: Friday 28th August

Are you passionate about Inverclyde and its people?

Do you want to use your voice and experience to create a brighter future for our local community?

The Newark Trust

Founded in January 2023, The Newark Trust is a proactive grant-making charity dedicated to improving the lives, health, and welfare of people across Inverclyde. Our vision is to fight hardship, unlock opportunities, and build a positive future right here where it matters most.

Our key focus areas are:

1. Fighting Child Poverty
2. Supporting Children and Young People with Additional Support Needs
3. Community Support through our annual Community Places Fund

The Role

Our Trustees play a vital role in ensuring the Trust achieves its core purpose. You will help steer our strategic direction, ensure robust governance, and work alongside our partners at the W.S. Society to uphold charity law.

Just as importantly, our Board supports and constructively challenges our executive team, working closely with our Charity Manager to help the Trust grow, thrive, and remain agile in its local impact.

Who We Are Looking For

We want to hear from candidates from all walks of life, irrespective of your career stage, background, or personal circumstances.

You do not need previous board or governance experience—we will provide a full induction and ongoing training.

We are looking for energy, enthusiasm, commitment, and fresh perspectives.

We would particularly welcome individuals with a mix of skills or lived experience in any of the following areas:

- The local Inverclyde community and third sector
- Shifting the dial on child poverty
- Supporting young people with additional support needs
- Education
- Local lived experience

A Note on Diversity:

Our board works best when it reflects the vibrant communities we serve. Because women are currently underrepresented on our board, we particularly welcome and actively encourage applications from women to help us achieve a balanced, diverse, and representative leadership team.

Time Commitment

- Meetings: Attending 6 Board meetings annually (currently held in person at McLaren Packaging Ltd in Port Glasgow).
- Strategy & Development: Attending onboarding induction, required training, and our annual strategy day.
- Ad-hoc Support: Occasional participation in focused working groups or providing ad-hoc guidance to the executive team.

How To Apply

If you are ready to engage in meaningful discussions and contribute directly to the lives of those in need within Inverclyde, we would love to hear from you!

Our Recruitment Process

Our recruitment process involves the following steps:

1. Submit a Personal Statement (by Friday, 28th August)

Please submit a short statement covering:

- Why you would like to join The Newark Trust
- The unique skills, energy, and experience you would bring to the role
- What you hope to gain from this rewarding voluntary position

2. Informal Discussion

An introductory chat with our Charity Manager to discuss the role in more detail.

3. Trustee Review & Interview

Our Trustees will review all applications alongside feedback from the Charity Manager, and invite shortlisted candidates to meet with members of the Board.

4. Final Decision & Feedback

The Board will make their final decision and provide feedback to all interviewed candidates.

 Learn more about our work: www.thenewarktrust.org