



Becoming a BEA Trustee

BEA is a charity which runs educational courses for people in Berwick and the surrounding areas. Most of our courses are classroom-based, but we also organize field trips, workshops and musical events. By and large, we cater to an adult audience. This year is our tenth anniversary, and we are looking for trustees to help us into our next decade!

We do not promote any political or religious views, and we are committed to equity, diversity and inclusion. We want trustees from a wide range of backgrounds, who can help us in providing a diverse and balanced programme of events.

You can find out more about us on our website berwickea.org

BEA is regulated by the Charity Commission and is run by its Trustees, of whom there are currently four. Our objective is “to promote the education of people in the local community of Berwick-upon-Tweed and surrounding areas, mainly by organising educational courses, day courses and excursions”.

The trustee board must always act in the best interests of BEA, exercising the same standard of care that a prudent person would apply in looking after the affairs of someone they are responsible for. They must ensure that BEA’s activities are in accordance with its objective.

Training is available for anyone who wants to learn more about the role of Trustee, but in general, being a trustee means using common sense and integrity in looking after BEA.

This is a voluntary role and trustees receive no remuneration.

The trustees meet three times a year, and our meetings last for two hours. Any time commitment beyond reading the Board papers and attending the meetings is optional.

Some of our trustees also get involved in organizing specific courses, and in some of the administrative roles, such as social media or marketing. However, this is entirely optional.

Each trustee should have:

- an interest in promoting education
- an interest in making Berwick a better place to live
- a willingness to meet the minimum time commitment.

If you are interested in learning more, please send us an email to berwickea@gmail.com.

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Chair of BEA Trustees.