# MAKEA DIFFERENCE.

Be a Trustee

# **WHAT IS A CHARITY TRUSTEE?**

Charity Trustees are volunteers who make some of the most important decisions in Scouting.

They are members of a group known as the **Executive Committee and every Scout Group** and District has one. The Executive Committee in Scouting is like a board of governors in a school; essentially it makes sure that the best quality Scouting is delivered to young people in the local area.

The volunteers that make up the Committee give their time to ensure that Scouting continues to meet its charitable purpose: safely and legally.

**66** Being an Executive **Committee** member is a rewarding and challenging way to support Scouting.

Derek, **Group Executive** Committee member



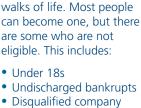
- You will put your existing skills and experience to good use. It's a great way to meet new people.
- You will learn new skills
- that could help build your CV, or just add to your experience or confidence în certain areas.
- difference to young people involved in Scouting locally.



# What is the purpose of Scouting? The purpose is to actively

engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

# Who can be a member of the Executive Committee? **Executive Committee** members come from all



directors

further guidance on

The appropriate charity regulator can provide

who cannot be a Charity Trustee. (A list of charity regulators can be found on the back page of this leaflet). In Scotland only Scout **Groups and Districts** registered with the

regulator have Charity

Trustees. For unregistered Scout Groups and Districts the Executive Committee should still act with the same duties and responsibilities as Charity Trustees.

## legal responsibilities? Being an Executive Committee member carries legal responsibilities that should be understood before taking on the role. You are not expected to be an expert in

What are my

every area, but are expected to: • use reasonable care in your work and apply your skills and experience where needed • act in the best interests of the Scout Group or District

- and not in your own or others' personal interests • ask for professional advice when you need it
- The Executive Committee you are joining will be able to help explain the responsibilities of the role to you.

## On average, Executive dates of meetings will Committee members be agreed at the start of the year with all Executive attend four to six meetings a year. The exact amount Committee members,

will I need to give?

How much time



What skills

or experience

of time required will

to say when you are available.

giving you the flexibility





How can I become an **Executive Committee Member?** 

Telephone number:

Local contact name:

Email:

Who is my Charity Regulator? England and Wales: The Charity Commission www.charitycommission.gov.uk Scotland: Office for the Scottish Regulator

www.oscr.org.uk Northern Ireland: The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland www.charitycommissionni.org.uk

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