

Parent/Carer Trustee Role Profile

About LinkAble

LinkAble's vision is a world where people with a learning disability, autistic people, and their families are empowered, included, and supported to live life to the full. We provide opportunities that build skills, develop confidence, and create lasting friendships.

As a small, local charity with a dedicated staff team and a committed Board, we deliver high-quality services that make a tangible difference in the lives of disabled children, young people and adults in Woking and the surrounding areas.

Purpose of the Role

A Parent/Carer Trustee brings vital lived experience of having a child or close family member who has SEN needs. This perspective is essential for strategic planning, ensuring services remain responsive and inclusive for attendees and their families.

Parent Trustees ensure the Board's decisions reflect real-world needs and help guide initiatives toward meaningful outcomes for attendees.

Key Responsibilities

- Contribute to setting and refining LinkAble's strategic direction, including review of the 3-year plan and proposed new services.
- Support governance by monitoring compliance with charity and company law, safeguarding standards, GDPR, Ofsted/CQC requirements, and best practices
- Provide insight into the people we support and family experience, particularly in areas like service quality, accessibility, customer journey, and digital transformation.
- Actively engage in Board and Committee work sharing constructive feedback and lived experience.
- Attend regular Trustee meetings usually every 6 weeks in the evenings plus occasional committee sessions or Board strategy days as needed. The commitment overall is roughly 1-2 days a month.
- Participate in relevant induction, training (e.g. safeguarding), and governance development.

Who We're Looking For and what you'll bring

- A parent or carer of a current or previous attendee or someone who has lived experience of having a child or close family member who has SEN needs, ideally residing in Woking or nearby to maintain connection with services and has navigated services as a parent or carer, providing a valuable viewpoint on attendee needs.
- Strategic thinker with strong independent judgment, collaboration skills, and a willingness to respectfully challenge and support the Board.

- Good understanding of governance responsibilities and the ability to commit the necessary time and effort - preparing for and attending meetings, participating in induction/training, serving on committees, etc.

What You Will Gain

- Becoming a LinkAble Trustee offers a rewarding opportunity to:
- Make a tangible difference to disabled people and their families in your local community.
- Apply and strengthen your strategic, leadership and governance skills.
- Work closely with a passionate team and see the direct impact of your contribution through attending activities, events and team meetings.
- Support the development of an ambitious, growing charity at a pivotal moment in its journey.

If you are interested in the role and would like further information, please contact Sue Stockman LinkAble's CEO on 01483 770037 or sue@linkable.org.uk for an initial chat. We look forward to hearing from you.