

Interested in being a trustee for Citizens Advice Rural Cambs?

Citizens Advice Rural Cambs (CARC) is a local charity based across the Huntingdonshire, and Fenland areas of Cambridgeshire. We provide free independent, confidential and impartial advice to help people solve the problems they face (including debt, benefits, housing, and employment) and improve the policies and practices that affect peoples' lives. In 2019-2020, we helped over 10,000 local people with over 45,000 issues.

CARC is a member of the national Citizens Advice network of charities, which means we have access to the services, resources and support provided by national Citizens Advice but as an independent charity, we're responsible for running our own affairs within agreed standards. We have over 20 staff (mainly part-time) and around 100 volunteers, a budget of more than £500,000 and operate in four locations across rural Cambridgeshire

We are looking for new Trustees to join our Board of Trustees to help guide and advise us on the strategic direction and the sustainability of advice services in a challenging and changeable environment. Responsibilities include

You'll need to:

- be available to attend at least 5 evening meetings each year of our Trustee Board plus potentially a similar number of daytime meetings each year for a relevant sub-committee/task group, plus our Annual General Meeting and annual Trustee Away Day. You will need to be able to dedicate up to 2/3 days per month.
- be willing to liaise regularly with other trustees and key staff/volunteers
- have the ability to work as part of a team
- actively participate in discussions that relate to the running of the organisation
- act in the interests of CARC and that of its clients, volunteers and staff.
- have good independent judgement and knowledge and experience of finance to help lead CARC and ensure that we comply with our statutory duties

We welcome applications from all sections of the community to enable us to have a diverse trustee board that reflects our clients and communities.

You do not need experience of working or volunteering with Citizens Advice service. We are looking for people with a wide variety of skills and a diversity of background and experiences.

The post of trustee is a voluntary one. The role provides a great deal of experience and satisfaction, and the opportunity to develop skills and utilise expertise and knowledge.

For more information or an informal discussion about the role of Trustee for CARC, please contact: Trustee Board Chair, Michael Mealing at michaelm@ruralcambscab.org.uk