



## **Digartref Cyf/Ltd**

The Board of Digartref Cyf would like to invite aspiring Trustees to apply to join our Board.

Our trustees play a vital role in making sure that Digartref Cyf / Ltd achieves its core purpose. As a Trustee, you would be required to be involved in the decisions of the Board, providing strategic direction, protecting the organisations reputation and ensuring the charity's income and property be applied solely towards the promotion of its Objects to:

***“Alleviate homelessness and the related effects on individuals, families and our communities”***

### **About Digartref Cyf**

Digartref Cyf was established in 1998 to assist and support young people on Anglesey, experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

Since then we have grown from strength to strength, developing our support services to ensure we continue to meet our charitable objects through a diverse range of homeless prevention services. These include providing supported housing for 16 to 24 year olds; the Lighthouse day centre for those aged 18 upwards; specialist outreach services, mediation and family led intervention programmes; as well as Learn4Life, providing opportunities for our beneficiaries to gain Agored accredited certification and qualifications along with support and guidance to access education, training, employment and volunteering. In line with the charity's growth in income and project development, the charity now employs 42 people.

Despite all the good work of the last 24 years, homelessness is increasing at a local level, a trend mirrored across Wales. As an organisation, we have seen how this has been further impacted by Covid 19; a lack of affordable accommodation in the social and private rented sectors; as well as poorly paid, insecure jobs. Those requiring our services often present with complex needs and require interventions from a range of services, including mental health and substance misuse. Some have had no access to primary care services for considerable lengths of time, have suffered adverse childhood experiences including, physical, sexual and financial abuse or have been victims of domestic abuse, have spent time rough sleeping affecting their health and wellbeing. Given the situation, there is still a great deal to do if the charity aims to alleviate homelessness are realised.

### **The role**

Being a Trustees provides an opportunity to share your thoughts and ideas and voice your opinions in a way that will positively impact on the lives of people who are

homeless. This is an opportunity to give back to your local area, by being there to support the vital work of the charity in providing help, support and solutions around housing and homelessness to some of the most vulnerable in our community.

Trustees are expected to use any experience, knowledge or skills they have to assist the Board in making decisions that will benefit the charity and its beneficiaries. We are especially keen to hear from those who have experience, skills or knowledge in the following areas:

- Finance
- Digital/I.T/Social Media
- Marketing
- Business Development

We want to expand the diversity of our board, and strongly welcome applications from less-represented groups. If you are over 18, you can apply to be a trustee of Digartref Cyf, and we would value hearing from people from a variety of backgrounds and who better reflect our beneficiaries, including people with lived experience of homelessness.

This is a voluntary position, but reasonable expenses such as travel cost are reimbursed.

## **Your commitment**

### **Minimum time commitment**

- Board meetings are held four times per year (every 3 months) at our main office in Holyhead. There is an option to attend virtually when necessary.
- In addition, the board meets once per year where a full day's commitment is required to undertake business planning and attend the charity's AGM.

### **Committee membership**

Trustees may be required to provide ad hoc and occasional support through working groups and / or support to the executive team.

### ***Further information***

*If you are interested in becoming a Trustee Board member and believe you have the expertise and knowledge required, as well as a genuine interest in alleviating homelessness, please contact:*

*Annette Greenough the Company Secretary for further information and an application form on: 01407 761653.*

*In addition, arrangements can be made for you to have an informal discussion about the role of a Trustee at Digartref Cyf with either the CEO or the Chair of the Board. .*

**The deadline for submission of Trustee applications will be: Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2022 at 5pm.**