**Board Trustees Required**

Creating. Help. In Local. Districts T/A C.H.I.L.D Training Academy, is based in central Belfast. It is a shared physical activity and life-skills facility dedicated to providing young people of all abilities with the opportunities to grow personally and professionally.  We offer a wide range of courses which not only focus on physical well-being but employability skills and mental health.  Our skilled and trained workers, youth groups and community organisations all come together work with young people to improve and develop their health, fitness, social and mental well-being and personal development through tailor made programmes.

Our strategic plan is to further develop our facility to become the leading life-skills centre in Northern Ireland. As well as this we wish to build on our revenue raising opportunities and to build our networks and community in order to serve the needs of young people.

To support us on this exciting new stage of our journey, we are expanding our Board capabilities to include expertise in the following areas:

* **Legal**
* **HR/employment**
* **Marketing/PR**
* **Governance/risk.**
* **Finance and fundraising**

People with previous experience on a board are particularly welcome but this is not essential.

**A little more information about C.H.I.L.D. Training Academy:**

**What we do:**As Belfast’s only 5000sq foot multi-sports training and life-skills facility dedicated to the support of marginalised young people, it is our aim to provide not only provide that support but to also build stronger and more connected communities to create a network of assistance across the city. We wish to inspire young people though health and wellbeing experiences that are accessible to all. We believe the best support programmes are designed and decided by the young people, reflecting their needs and their hopes and dreams.

**Our Vision & Values:** Our vision is ….

**EDI Commitment:** C.H.I.L.D values equality, diversity and inclusion and this is at the core of our values. We are committed to providing a space where every person is treated with dignity and respect and feels welcomed, accepted and supported, where they can excel at what they do and can fulfil their potential, whatever their background. Through our work and partnerships with a wide range of organisations such as Simon Community, Orchardville and The Education Authority we are committed to playing our part in working towards a fully accessible range of youth support services which are truly inclusive.

**A bit about the Board:**

Our Board members bring with them a wealth of knowledge and experience across a wide range of sectors, including private business, public sector, health and finance. Working collaboratively with staff and sub-committee, it provides governance, oversight and guidance on strategic direction, business planning, funding requirements, policies, and decision-making.

**What can you expect?**

**Time:**There are 6 scheduled meetings per year, January to December, outside normal working hours.

**Location:** Geographical location isn’t important. Our Board meetings can be hybrid, so you can join from wherever you are.

**Tenure:** Minimum term is 5 years, renewable for an additional 5 years to a maximum of 10 consecutive years.

**Benefits:** Onboarding and ongoing training will be provided.

**Remuneration:** this is a non-remunerated appointment.

**What’s in it for you?**

Being on a Board can be an incredibly rewarding experience! Even better, when it’s within an industry where you have a passion, so you can gain access and insight into how everything works and contribute to its success. In addition, board membership can enhance your leadership skills and abilities as well as giving you the opportunity to work alongside a diverse range of people and make a valuable contribution to the organisation.

*“Joining the board of C.H.I.L.D has been a truly enriching experience. It offers a unique opportunity to support young people who are facing a range of issues. I also get to collaborate with a diverse group of passionate individuals who are all working towards the support of young people and helping them grow to be the best they can be. The sense of community and shared purpose is incredibly fulfilling, and each board meeting is effective and progresses the work of the organisation, Being part of the board has enabled me to be involved in an area of personal interest and to contribute to health and wellbeing and personal development of young people. “*  - C.H.I.L.D Board Member

**Can you demonstrate the following?**

* Specialist knowledge and experience of the youth sector
* Experience in formulating & implementing strategic plans
* Strong independent thinker with sound intellect and judgment
* Robust understanding of governance and the ability to operate effectively at Board level or equivalent
* Good communication skills, and the ability to act as an ambassador for C.H.I.L.D (Child Training Academy)
* An insight into the strategic issues facing small underfunded charities
* Willingness & aptitude to chair and/or actively contribute to relevant Board Sub-Committees

**If the answer is yes, we would love to hear from you!**

You might still have questions - if so, we can put you in touch with one of our current Board members to hear about their experiences, just contact our Chair [davidboyd@childtrainingacademy.org](mailto:davidboyd@childtrainingacademy.org)

**Ready to apply?**

Please e-mail the following to the above email address no later than **12pm on Monday 21st October 2024,**stating clearly your key skills**:**

* An up-to-date Curriculum Vitae
* A Statement of Suitability setting out your interest in the role and how you meet our requirements
* A diversity monitoring questionnaire which you can download [**f**](https://www.ulsterorchestra.org.uk/getmedia/1cbd9159-7f38-41d0-90d9-1f69bb3b4fb1/UO-Monitoring-Form-2024-(2)_2.docx.aspx)rom our website <https://www.childtrainingacademy.org/boardtrustees>

Please note, we aim to meet potential members week(s) commencing 28th October 2024.

**C.H.L.L.D is committed to building a Board that is fully representative of all demographical aspects of society. Within this context we encourage applications from people with disabilities, LGBTQI+, Black, Asian and other global majority backgrounds, and those from backgrounds of social and economic deprivation.**

Closing date:

Monday 21ST October 2024  
12:00pm

Please get in touch to find out more.

Email [david@belfastchild.co.uk](mailto:david@belfastchild.co.uk) or [davidboyd@childtrainingacademy.org](mailto:davidboyd@childtrainingacademy.org)

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