

**Recruitment of Board Chairperson and Trustees**

Turning Point Ni would like to invite applications for the positions of Chairperson and Trustee on its Board of Trustees.

The Board of Turning Point NI has overall control to the Charity and is responsible for oversight of its activities and for achievement of its charitable purposes. As a member of the Board, you will play an essential role in running the charity, bringing valuable experience, skills and know to help maintain the values and further develop the vital and innovative work carried out by the organisation.

Applications are particularly welcome from those who can demonstrate skills and experience in one or more of the following areas:

Senior management experience (ideally experience acting as a Board Chairperson) – Chairperson only

Legal expertise

Financial expertise

HR expertise

Clinical operational expertise

**About Turning Point NI**

Turning Point NI is a crisis intervention and mental health hub for those experiencing any form of mental health crisis. It is a small, registered charity, circa £150k annual turnover, set up in 2015 and based in Ballymena, it serves the community of the Northern Health and Social Care Trust. It provides a referral pathway for statutory, community and voluntary organisations. Its primary aim is twofold - to support those who are at risk to suicidal behaviours and/or mental health crisis and work with the community to raise awareness and facilitate suicide prevention initiatives. We are a small team of dedicated and professional people who aim to reduce the intensity of suicide and self-harming behaviours, promote positive mental well-being and resilience and support families who have been bereaved by suicide.

**We recognise the six main duties of our Trustees are to: -**

* Ensure our charity is carrying out its purposes for the public benefit
* Comply with our charity’s governing document and the law
* Act in the best interest of our charity
* Ensure we are accountable
* Manage our resources responsibly
* Act with reasonable care and skill

**Chairperson**

An opportunity has arisen to engage a new Chair to lead the Charity and support the team moving forward.

*Key responsibilities will include*: -

* Sitting the strategic direction of travel working with the Director and team to ensure strategic priorities and operational plans are implemented
* Regularly review performance against objectives
* Ensuring Turning Point NI fulfils its objectives, general functions, duties and appropriately exercises its legal powers in conjunction with the Board
* ensuring Board members operate in accordance with good governance best practice and standards
* Chairing bimonthly Board meetings and the annual general meeting
* Conducting one to one annual meetings with Trustees and completing a skills audit to monitor skills gaps etc.

**Board meetings**

Board meetings will be held bi-monthly (further exceptional meetings can be held where there are specific and urgent issues to be discussed). Board papers will be provided in advance of the meeting giving the Chair and Trustees the opportunity to read and prepare for the meeting.

*To apply please submit your CV with a 1-page cover letter detailing your suitability and preference for either Chairperson or Trustee role to Director of Turning Point NI - Trudi Power -* *trudi@turningpointni.co.uk**.*

*Closing date 30th April 2025*