



We are looking for new Board Members to support the development of the organisation at a critical time for both the citizens and communities of Edinburgh and the community and voluntary sector across the City.

Could You Be an EVOC Board Member?

We are looking for individuals with a variety of professional skills including HR, marketing and communications, political campaigning and those with experience working in small charities. We are also interested in encouraging enquiries from people who understand the key issues Edinburgh faces coming out of lockdown or with an interest and understanding of key policy drivers such as the Edinburgh Poverty Commission or the setting up of the National Care Service/the Feeley Review.

We would particularly welcome applications from groups currently under-represented on our Board, including people from black, Asian and minority ethnic backgrounds; younger people and people living with a disability.

What's Involved?

EVOC Board Members attend quarterly Board Meetings, playing an active role in informing organisational policy decisions as well as working with the Chief Executive and Senior Management Team to develop long-term strategic plans. They provide financial oversight and ensure EVOC adheres to all legal and regulatory responsibilities including employment legislation, ensuring a safe and supported working environment for all staff members.

Interested?

If you're interested in being an EVOC Board Member then please get in touch with [Jan-Bert van den Berg](#), Chair of the Board by **Mon 28 Jun**.

More About EVOC

EVOC is the Council for Voluntary Service (CVS) for the City of Edinburgh and a partner in the Edinburgh Third Sector Interface (TSI) - part of a national network of Third Sector Interfaces. The organisation helps to support, develop and promote the interests and work of voluntary and community organisations in Edinburgh.

Our Values

We define our values as:

- Enabling: We work to develop opportunities and deliver change
- Fairness: We act with impartiality, balance and integrity
- Collaborating: We listen, share and challenge
- Excellence: We strive to lead with passion and professionalism
- Creating: We are creative in our approach, ideas and in creating the space for better outcomes
- Supporting: We respond to the voluntary sector's changing needs to enable them to continue

Our Position

We have a deep understanding of the practice, priorities and pressures in communities, the voluntary sector and the public sector and we are skilled at building the bridge to support productive and respectful planning and delivery. We support the voluntary sector to be heard and develop to meet modern challenges and the public sector to understand and be understood. As a partner in Edinburgh's Third Sector Interface (TSI) we accept this is challenging however we believe it also presents opportunities. Our ability to bring the skills of diplomacy, negotiation and speaking truth to people who are comfortable in the status quo means we create spaces which are thought-provoking, inspiring and productive.

Who We Work With

Within the voluntary sector, EVOC's partnerships are with its members, the diverse range of Edinburgh's voluntary sector who choose to work alongside EVOC, sister Third Sector Interfaces across Scotland and other infrastructure organisations. EVOC's strong relationships with key public sector bodies are crucial in delivering our leadership and advocacy role. We act as a catalyst for change by increasing influence in, and access to, the support people need in the communities they live in. Partnership working is, and always has been, fundamental to our success and the success of the voluntary sector. We achieve our outcomes through building good relationships and listening to communities.

What We Do

We provide leadership, development support and advocacy in the planning, shaping and delivery of services and support in communities. Any combination of these three essential elements which EVOC delivers to the voluntary sector in Edinburgh is unique, and our strength lies in our expertise in combining these areas with our members and partners.

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