

# Join Our Board

Recruitment Pack

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## A message from Diarmaid Lawlor, our Convenor...



Thank you for your interest in EVOC's (Edinburgh Voluntary Organisations' Council), invitation for talented people to join our current Board of Trustees. Our vision is to be a trusted and respected leader for the community and voluntary sector in Edinburgh that supports organisations to develop and thrive. Our work is guided by our values, being creative, collaborative, enabling, excellence, fair, inclusive and supportive. We seek people who share our values-based approach to progress our ambitions.

The ideal candidates will bring sectoral, professional knowledge, and/or lived experience to the organisation. This is a voluntary role designed to support the long-term development of EVOC, and the community and voluntary sectors in Edinburgh. EVOC is committed to governing in a manner that is reflective of the [Scottish Governance Code for the Third Sector](#).

EVOC is one of three innovative charities that support the community and voluntary sector in the city, alongside Edinburgh Social Enterprise and Volunteer Edinburgh, making up the '[Third sector interface](#)'.

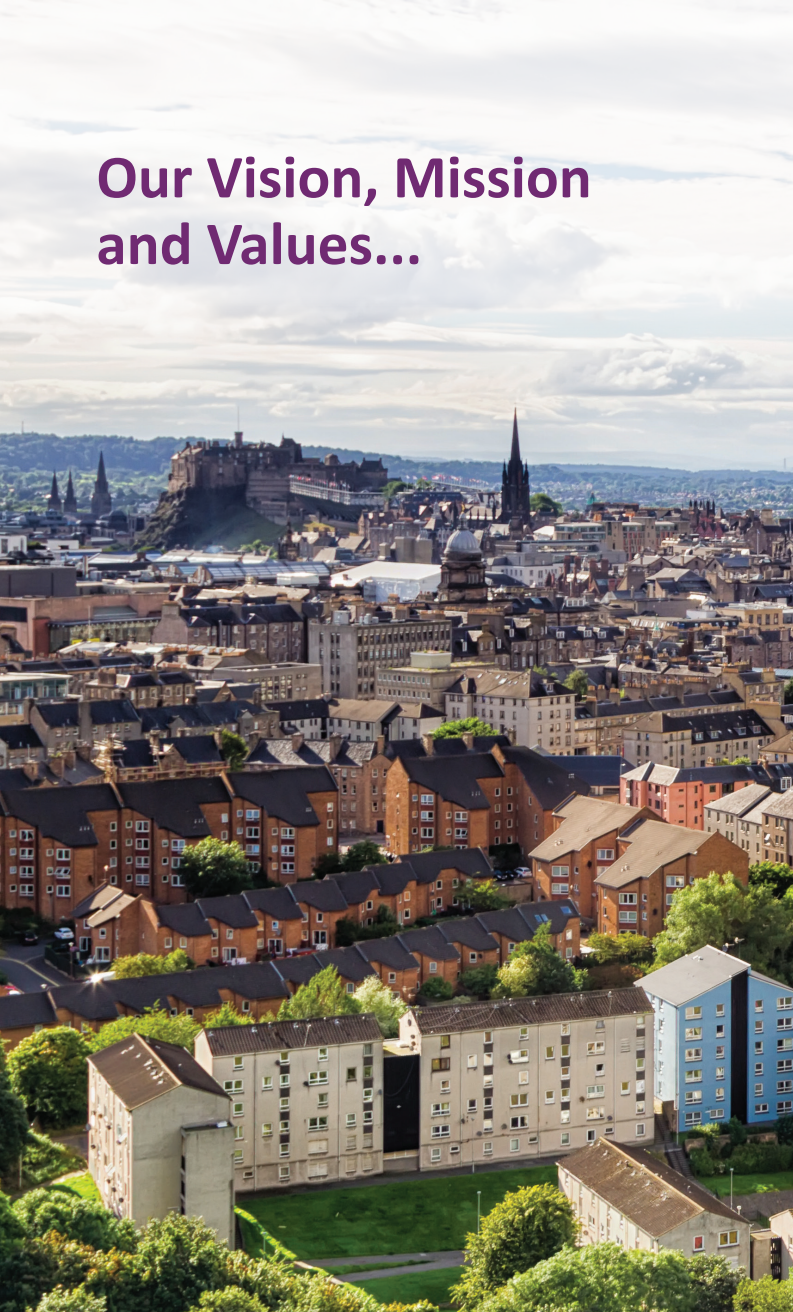
In this information pack, you'll find everything you need to know about the role, and how to submit a statement of interest. We aim for our Board to have all the roles that are needed in overseeing a dynamic city-wide voluntary organisation. We welcome diversity to be effective, informed and to make good decisions. We recognise diversity in all of its forms and encourage individuals from all walks of life to apply.

On behalf of all staff and the Board at EVOC, we look forward to receiving your statement of interest for the voluntary position of Trustee.

Yours warmly

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# Our Vision, Mission and Values...



## Our Mission:

Is to be a leader and catalyst of social change

## Our Vision:

Is to be a trusted and respected leader for the community and voluntary sector, supporting organisations to develop and thrive

## Our Values:

- Creative: We are creative in our approaches, ideas and in creating space for better outcomes
- Collaborative: We listen, share and challenge
- Enabling: We develop opportunities and deliver change
- Excellence: We lead with passion and professionalism
- Fair: We act with impartiality, balance and integrity
- Inclusive: We are inclusive and collective in all our work
- Supportive: We respond to the voluntary sector's changing needs to enable them to continue to meet the needs of communities



## What's Involved...



We are particularly interested in people who have knowledge and experience in the following areas:

- **A public sector perspective**
  - **Arts and culture**
  - **Communications and membership engagement**
  - **People and culture with a focus on change and risk management**
  - **Policy and public affairs**
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### **Your commitment:**

- 6 board meetings a year (at least some in-person)
- The option to work on more focused sub groups e.g. finance and resources
- The chance to be part of short life working groups e.g. finding a new home for EVOC

### **What we provide in return:**

- Board Member induction programme
- Shared learning opportunities with established Board Members
- Programme briefings and updates from EVOC Staff
- Training and development opportunities
- Invites to key EVOC events throughout the year

Our Board Members are voluntary and therefore unpaid, but reasonable expenses for attending meetings are provided.



Bridie Ashrowan (Chief Executive)



Ian Brooke (Deputy Chief Executive)

## Interested?

If you are interested, we would love to hear from you.

If your experience looks a little different, but you think you can bring value to our board, we'd like to learn more about you.

Please send us a short statement of interest that includes:

- Who you are
- Where your experience matches with the skill areas we need (above)
- What you would like to get from being an EVOC board member

You are welcome to do this in writing or on video, whichever format you are more comfortable with. Please send it to: [chiefexec@evoc.org.uk](mailto:chiefexec@evoc.org.uk)

This is a rolling process and we will invite you to meet Bridie and one of our Board Members as soon as we can (hopefully within a week).

