



Trustee Nominations

Annual General Meeting

Friday 24th November 2023
New York Stadium

Overview

In accordance with our Memorandum and Articles of Association a number of trustees must retire from office at each Annual General Meeting.

The Trustees retire by rotation and may offer themselves for re-election for up to a maximum of three consecutive terms, with each term being a maximum of 3 years.

This year we don't have any Trustees 'retiring' from office. Raja Khan (Rotherham Friends in Deed) resigned during October 2023. So we have one vacancy for VCS board members; for which Sarah Lacey (S62 Community Together Rotherham CIC) has applied. Stuart Walls is standing for re-election, as an Individual Member Trustee.





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Voluntary and Community Sector

Sarah Lacey (S62 Community Together Rotherham)

In 2021 I co-founded S62 Community Together Rotherham (S62), and in that time we have become a Community Interest Company, employed 3 members of staff and have a team of 9 volunteers. We hold between 8-10 group support sessions each week, supporting an average of 100 individuals per week face to face and more through alternative methods.

S62 is a collection of Peer support groups tackling Mental Health, isolation, self-development, poverty and recovery using the lived experience of Peers.

I am passionate and dedicated to developing Mental Health Community Support in Rotherham with my own families journey, and so many others, being evidence of the success community support has for long term recovery. Working closely with Voluntary Action Rotherham we have built and shaped a reputable organisation and I am truly thankful to have such a wonderful organisation that has helped build the success of S62 and the many other voluntary groups across the borough

I am a member of Rotherham's Adult Mental Health Network and as an organisation we are working with RDASH and their new clinical and organisational strategy to improve Mental Health Services in our town. I'm a Rotherham lass born and bred with a good knowledge of the adversities faced and successes achieved in the borough. There are some beautiful and wonderful souls in this place I call home and I would be honoured to pour my enthusiasm, perseverance and lived experience into the Board of Trustees at VAR

My previous working life spanned 15 years in Retail banking and finance, with the latter stages predominantly operations, governance and compliance focused. This experience has helped to develop S62 and within my current Trustee role that I hold, at The Drop-In Centre (Rawmarsh).



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Individual Member Trustees

Stuart Walls

I have had a long career in finance, culminating in a job as Manager, Accounting Services and Company Secretary with a staff of 50+ and Senior Finance Manager in the NHS.

My second career was in education, finishing in the position of Deputy Head of Department in a Further Education College, plus lecturing in Accountancy and Management at university.

My other previous roles have included, being Chair of Governors of a Primary school, Vice Chair of Governors of a Comprehensive school and member of Lindholme Prison Parole Board.

I have assisted VAR in a voluntary role for over 15 years now. I was originally elected as a Voluntary and Community Sector member representative and subsequently as an Individual Member Trustee. Although for much of my time at VAR, I was Treasurer, in recent times I have been the lead Board member supporting the HR functions at VAR and was selected as Vice Chair in 2022.

I believe that as well as my skills and experiences, my knowledge of VAR supports organisational stability.



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