

Ashington Children's Community Independent Chair Role Description

Location

Ashington, Northumberland

Application Deadline

Monday 28th February 2022 5pm

Background

Ashington Children's Community was established in April 2021, with the following mission:

1. To develop a collaboration of organisations who can work together for the benefit of babies, children and young people in Ashington
2. To champion the voice and experience of babies, children and young people in Ashington to enact change.

The scope of the Children's Community is to work collaboratively, to match perceptions with data, and a commitment to put children's and young people's voices at the heart of what it does. The group has worked on the key issues that babies, children and young people will face living in Ashington. Our outcomes to address these issues are:

- Alleviating poverty
- Improving access
- Developing a culture of equity
- Improving opportunities
- Improving health
- Increasing parental engagement
- Supporting families experiencing domestic abuse
- Developing programmes to address substance misuse and anti-social behaviour
- Improving the safety of babies, children and young people

Role Purpose

The Chair's primary role is to provide independent leadership and guidance to help ensure that the Ashington Children's Community is effective in its mission of championing the voice and experience of babies, children and young people and developing strong and effective collaboration between new and existing organisations working in the community.

Duty & Responsibilities

1. Lead and inspire the Ashington Children's Community, ensuring that it fulfils its purpose and is consistent with its terms of reference

2. Work with the members to develop collaboration and partnerships
3. Chair and ensure that the committee's meetings are conducted effectively to ensure all members are able to contribute
4. Champion and represent the Ashington Children's Community and attend other meetings where appropriate.

Personal Specification

The chair must be able to demonstrate:

- knowledge and experience of the:
 - needs of babies, children and young people
 - statutory and charity sector
- a commitment to working for the benefit of babies, children and young people
- experience of being on a formal or informal committee, or strategic group

Time Commitment

We expect the time commitment for the independent Chair role to be approximately 6 days a year. This will include chairing bi-monthly committee meetings (usually 2-3hrs per meeting), with the remainder for preparation, background reading and other meetings/calls with community members.

Meetings have taken place face to face and remotely – moving forward we expect all meetings to be face to face.

The Chair of the committee should serve a term of three years however, this can be extended in exceptional circumstances.

This is a voluntary role with no remuneration, however expenses will be met in relation to this role.

Remuneration:

Expenses for out-of-pocket payments in order to carry out the role, such as travel.

Contact:

Please contact Leigh Elliott if you have any questions regarding the role on 0191 2562444 or leigh.elliott@children-ne.org.uk