

## Are you interested in becoming a trustee of Burton Street Foundation?

**Open evening 5pm Thursday 30th September 2021 in Bamforth Park, our indoor event space at Burton Street Foundation, S6 2HH**

Burton Street Foundation is a not for profit, Community Benefit Society based in Hillsborough, Sheffield. We are regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. Our primary purpose is supporting children and adults with learning disabilities which we have been doing very successfully for 20 years, we have grown in size and reputation, and are now the largest learning disability provider in Sheffield. However there is more to Burton Street than that. We are a community centre and share our facilities with over 50 different charities, small businesses and community groups each day. Over 2500 people visit Burton Street every week to learn, to meet, to do business, to dance, sing and socialize.

It is through this diverse range of activities and people that we promote true integration and greater understanding of the needs of each person. Our motto is “everyone has a part to play”, and this represents the way that we work: we collaborate, we share, we learn and we celebrate what each individual can achieve. The learning disabled community can sometimes be isolated, but not at Burton Street: our clients are central and included in absolutely everything that we do and achieve and it is because of them and their joy for life that we strive to deliver the very best services, opportunities and lives for each and every one of our clients every day.



As the current trustee board, we have taken a long, hard look at ourselves, our membership, our lived experience, our knowledge and our skills. We recognize that we need to more closely reflect the wonderfully diverse community of Sheffield and the clients and users of our facilities. We have an important role to play in supporting the future development of Burton Street as a major learning disability provider in the City and

ensuring effective and robust governance. Our growth has been quiet and steady, and many people are surprised that we are quite a large organisation now with around 250 clients and over 120 staff, but we like to think our values and aims are as strong as ever, and that our work is embedded in our local community.



We are seeking a range of new voices to challenge our thinking, introduce new ideas, question the status quo and help us create a new team that can truly support the operational managers.

We would welcome applications from people of all ages, ethnicities, backgrounds, skills, experience and above all interest in people with learning disabilities. People with “lived experience” of disabilities would be especially welcome. We would like to see people living close to Burton Street, but as our clients are from across the City, trustees can be Citywide. You don’t have to have professional qualifications, an impressive CV or experience in a governance role already. We are seeking people with interest, passion and some time to spare each month to work with and alongside our existing board members, but as a refreshed new team from November 2021, after our next AGM.

### **Interested?**

Come and join us at 5pm on Thursday 30th September in “Bamforth Park” (indoor event space) at Burton Street Foundation:

- See what we are all about
- Have a look around
- Meet some of our staff and current trustees
- Listen to our managers describing their roles and their individual services and hear their passion.
- Meet Clare Mappin our Managing Director and hear about our plans for the future
- Find out about the recruitment process from our Human Resources team.
- Take away an information pack
- Make a date for our AGM on 18th November 2021



We see this as a fresh new start, after the challenges of the past 18 months: An opportunity to contribute to something important, somewhere really special, where we truly believe that **“everyone has a part to play!”**

There is lots of additional information on our website [www.burtonstreet.co.uk](http://www.burtonstreet.co.uk)

Currently we are a board of 8, but we can and would love to have a diverse board of 15 members.

We hope to see you on 30th September.  
Kind regards,

**Diane Leek**

**Glyn Mansell**

Joint Chair of Trustees

**Membership of current board of trustees**

Diane Leek  
Martin McKervey  
Hilary Berry  
Jane Woollons

Glyn Mansell  
Philip Bullivant  
John Dawson  
Edna Iggo

Follow this link to see mini profiles of our current trustees [www.burtonstreet.org.uk/governance](http://www.burtonstreet.org.uk/governance)

