



Lea Green

Volunteering Opportunity Submission Form

Title of Opportunity	Chair of the Board of Trustees. The Lea Green Foundation
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About the opportunity:

Background

The Lea Green Foundation is a new charity set up to support the Lea Green Learning and Development centre. Lea Green, owned and operated by Derbyshire County Council is one of the country's leading Outdoor Education Centres. Situated near Matlock in a stunning location just outside the Peak District National Park, Lea Green has given thousands of children unforgettable learning experiences since it opened in 1960.

The Lea Green Foundation will raise awareness and funds to support the centre's aim to offer every child a safe and encouraging space to learn the skills they need to enjoy outdoor pursuits and feel empowered and confident in our countryside.

Find out more about Lea Green at [Home | Lea Green](#)

The Chair's Role

We are looking for a Chair of the Board of Trustees with a keen interest in the development of young people. This is a unique opportunity to shape the development and growth of the Lea Green Foundation. We are a small charity, so this is also a chance for someone who has not yet been a chair to gain experience, with the support of the Board.

As well as chairing at least 3 Board meetings per year plus the AGM the Chair will need to provide leadership to recruit supporters and organise them to raise awareness of the Lea Green Foundation and start fundraising. The estimated time commitment is a minimum of a day a month but may be more at first to put new processes in place and organise fundraising. The Charity is independent of the running of the Centre and Derbyshire County Council.

What difference will you make?

As Chair, you will have the opportunity to influence young people's lives to enable them to grow and develop, through their experience of outdoor education, both now and in the future. So, trustees are essential to enable us to achieve our

goals. To make this happen, the Chair's vision and leadership are critical.

What's in it for the volunteer?

You'll have the opportunity to make a positive difference to the development of young people through outdoor education in Derbyshire. At the same time this is a chance to develop skills and experience, grow your network and learn from a diverse group of volunteers and professional staff.

Applications and Time Scales

Please contact Vicky Green at Lea Green Learning and Development Centre on 01629 534561 to discuss the role informally.

Once you have discussed the role, please send a CV and cover letter highlighting how your relevant experience and skills meet our needs.

The deadline for applications is Sunday 27th April 2025. Your application will be reviewed by at least one trustee and a Lea Green Centre staff member.

Interviews will take place the week beginning 5th of May with a view to starting the role in June.

What are you looking for in the volunteer?

Personal qualities

- Passion and commitment to the positive development of young people and the vision, mission and strategic objectives of the Lea Green Foundation
- Strong interpersonal skills and network/relationship building capabilities
- Tact and diplomacy - ability to listen and engage effectively
- Ability to chair meetings effectively and to time, and promote a collaborative team environment

Desirable Experience

- Experience of leading and organising, in a professional or voluntary environment
- Experience of external representation, such as delivering presentations
- Experience of leading or chairing meetings
- Experience of charity or other professional governance and/or working with a Board would be an advantage

Desirable Knowledge and Skills

- Strong leadership skills, including the ability to motivate volunteers and trustees
- Financial management knowledge, and either knowledge of or a

- commitment to develop a broad understanding of charity finance issues
- Knowledge of, or a commitment to develop a good understanding of, charity governance issues.
- Broad knowledge of the voluntary sector would be an advantage

Practical considerations: (e.g. age limits - under 16's, 16-18 years old, or over 18 only, disability access, expenses, induction, training. Suitability - for groups, specific event, long or short-term commitment, indoor or outdoor role, older people, people seeking work, people with a visual or mobility impairment)

The applicant needs to be over 18.

We welcome applications that would increase the diversity of the board of Trustees

Travel expenses will be paid

We welcome applications from those able to make a long-term commitment to the charity

Number of volunteer required for this role:

1

Requirements

Relevant qualification or training	N	Own a vehicle or have access to one	N
DBS check needed	Y	Can drive a minibus	N
Driving licence	N		

Suitable for volunteers interested in: put an X in the box, please select a **maximum** of 5 areas)

Media		Poverty	
Marketing		Disaster Relief	
Health & Social		Unemployed	
IT		International Aid	
Legal		Emergency Services	
Retail		Foodbank	
Education	X	Refugees	
Museum		Homeless	
Heritage		Crisis Support	
Literacy		Housing	
Libraries		Hunger	
Environment	X	Women	
Animals		Men	
Wildlife		LGBT	
Conservation		Faith	
Festivals		Race & Ethnicity	

Performance		Immigrants	
Drama		Justice	
Sport		Politics	
Craft		Civil rights	
Music		Ex-offenders	
Art		Victim support	
Film		Human Rights	
Public Events		Domestic Violence	
Recreation		Prisoners	
Veterans & Armed Forces		Crime	
Addiction		Social Care	
Disability		Hospices	
Mental Health		Medicine	
Older People		Families	
Young People	X	Children	X

Please pick a <u>maximum</u> of 5 key subject areas in each column	What skills will they gain? Put x in box	What skills should they have? Put x in box
Design		
Craft		
Photography		
Creative		
Building Experience		
Carpentry		
Catering		
Cleaning & tidying		
Outdoor Experience		
Leadership	X	X
Teamwork	X	X
Managing People	X	X
Governance	X	X
Organising	X	X
Web Design		
Electronics		
IT		
Reading & Writing		
Reasoning		
Maths		
Talking to others		

Counselling		
Literacy		
Negotiating		

What activities will the Volunteer be doing? *put an X in the box (please select a maximum of 5 areas)*

Stewarding		Administration	
Policing		Receptionist	
Gardening		Research	
Construction		Mentoring	
Retail		Counselling	
First Aid		Hostels	
DIY odd jobs		Caring	
Design		Befriending	
Outdoors		Support & help	
Driving		Providing Advice	
Catering		Foodbanks	
Financial Control		Escorting	
Management	X	IT	
Interpretation		Technology	
Legal Help		Web Development	
Accountancy		Virtual Volunteering	
Translation		Training	
Business Development	X	Youth Work	
Trusteeship	X	Coaching	
Lobbying	X	Teaching	
Marketing		Social media	
Fundraising	X	Campaigning	

Where is the opportunity located? *(Please select one ONLY)*

No location (use if the location of the role changes regularly)	
From home	
Regional or local district (e.g. High Peak, Derbyshire Dales, or a town or area)	Matlock, Derbyshire
Specific address where the volunteer role will take place	Lea Green, Main Road, Lea, Matlock, Derbyshire, DE4 5GJ

When will the opportunity take place?

Start Date:	June 2025	End Date:	June 2026 or later
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Which day/what time of day?

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
AM							
PM							
Eve	Y	Y	Y	Y			

Directions

The Lea Green Learning and Development Centre is in the village of Lea, a ten-minute drive from Cromford and Matlock town.

Contact details

Organisation name	The Lea Green Foundation
Contact name	Vicky Green
Telephone number	01629 534561
Email	Vicky.green@derbyshire.gov.uk

Data Protection

- At no time will we provide any of your details to a third party without your permission.
- In order to keep you up to date with information and events we may include you in our email list.
- We will never sell or give our mailing list to a third party.