

VANEL and National Trustees' Week

National Trustees' Week is an annual celebration to showcase the great work that charity trustees do and to highlight opportunities for people from all walks of life to get involved and make a difference.

This year, from 10th-14th November, VANEL will be joining in with five days and five events to celebrate Trusteeship and Good Governance in North East Lincolnshire. Further details of everything are available via www.vanel.org.uk.

Monday 10th November – “Join Us and Make a Difference”

12noon – 2pm at OpenDoor, Grimsby. Refreshments available.

Launching Trustees' Week, we have an event to get everyone talking about Trusteeship and Good Governance. Open to existing Trustees, but also to anyone thinking of becoming a Trustee. It's an opportunity for charities looking to recruit Trustees to talk with those looking to share their skills and time as Trustees. We'll talk about the role of a Trustee; look at ways people can get involved and also how charities can improve their approach to recruiting Trustees. Interested in starting as a Trustee? Interested in improving your Trustee experience? Interested in recruiting and supporting your current Trustees better? This event is open to anyone with an interest in Trusteeship or better governance.

Free to attend, but please book a place to help us manage the event and catering.

Tuesday 11th November – “Young Trustees wanted”

12noon – 2pm at VANEL Offices, The Elms, 22 Abbey Road, Grimsby. Refreshments included.

Less than 0.5% of Trustees nationally are aged 18-24. Yet younger Trustees can provide so much to charity boards and young people themselves can gain so much from the experience. This informal session is a chance for young people to learn much more about what being a Trustee or being on a committee is about. Young people can talk with other young Trustees about their experiences and speak to charity boards which already have younger Trustees on board or are looking to recruit. Been volunteering and looking to do something different? What about being a Trustee? Looking to change the perspectives and approach on your board? What about having someone younger on board?

Free to attend, but please book a place.

Wednesday 12th November – “Technology for Trustees”

10am – 12noon at VANEL Offices, The Elms, 22 Abbey Road, Grimsby. Registration from 9.30am.

Technological and digital tools give charities and voluntary or community groups great opportunities but also come with barriers and risks to overcome and manage. The board of Trustees should be taking ultimate responsibility for steering the technology used by their organisation, but that board can also work differently (hopefully better) through the use of technology. This short workshop is for any board or committee members or Trustees who would like to understand technology and IT better in relation to how their organisation runs and is managed.

£5 per person (Members/Friends of VANEL) or £10 each otherwise. Limited places. Book early.

Thursday 13th November – “Roles and Responsibilities of Trustees”

1.30pm – 3.30pm at West Marsh Community Centre, Grimsby. Registration from 1.15pm.

Training session aimed at newer charity Trustees or those seeking a refresher on the fundamentals roles and responsibilities of being a Trustee. We'll take a look at the legal issues and other obligations, but also look at being an effective trustee and board, behaving well, getting good support, developing the trustee role and much more.

£5 per person (Members/Friends of VANEL) or £10 each otherwise. Very limited places. Book early.

Friday 14th November – “Tea and Trustees”

9.30am – 12noon at Grimsby Minster. Drop in at any time during the morning.

A chance for Trustees – new or experienced – to have a very informal and social conversation over a drink served in the Minster Café. We'll be hosting a discussion between Trustees with a chance for people to share ideas, issues and experiences with each other – hopefully learning something from each other at the same time. There will be resources on hand and experienced trustees there to get the discussions going, but then it's over to the attendees to chat and learn between themselves.

Free to attend, but buy your own drinks at the Café. VANEL staff on hand.

Please let us know if you are planning to attend an event – places are limited for many of the sessions. Book via Karl Elliott at VANEL (01472 235311 / karl@vanel.org.uk) or contact VANEL reception via 01472 231123 / office@vanel.org.uk. For further information keep an eye on the news on www.vanel.org.uk or [@vaneltalk](https://twitter.com/vaneltalk)