



Money Advice Plus
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Trustee Role

Money Advice Plus (MAP)

Is a registered charity, working both locally in Sussex and nationwide with the purpose of providing advice, counsel, support, and assistance to everyone finding it difficult to manage their financial affairs because of poverty, old age, disability or economic abuse.

MAP is a specialist debt and money advice charity. Our vision is for everyone to have the advice and support they need to manage their own money effectively. We do this by providing person-centred money advice, actively engaging with those who find it most difficult, improving wellbeing and financial resilience.

What will you be doing:

We are looking for new Trustees to strengthen the Board. People with skills and experience (including lived experience) are wanted to ensure we maintain our reputation for being a well-run charity; in particular people with legal and HR experience.

We will welcome people from underrepresented sections of the community, including younger people.

What are we looking for:

This role is for someone who is organised and methodical, with an eye for detail. Trustees take part in relevant subgroups, will also participate fully in Board meetings and play an essential part in the strategic direction and quality development of the charity. An understanding of the charitable and voluntary sector and its governance will be an advantage, as well as an empathy for the aims and objectives of MAP.

What difference will you make:

By joining MAP, you will play a key role in determining the future of the charity and ensuring it maintains its high standards of governance.

What's in it for the volunteer

A Trustee's experience is an asset for any charity and is a useful way to prepare for other roles - either paid or voluntary - within the sector.

Our Trustees contribute to the charity's vision: *where people have the advice and support, they need to manage their money effectively, helping them to maintain control of their lives, promoting greater peace of mind.*

This is an opportunity to not only put something back into the community but to be part of a friendly and supportive team.

Responsibilities of a trustee

- Being responsible for directing the affairs of the charity
- Ensuring the charity is solvent and well-run
- Ensuring the charity delivers the charitable outcomes for the benefit of the public for which it has been set up
- Ensuring the charity complies with charity law, its own governing document, and other relevant legislation



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- To consider the vision of the charity as a whole and its beneficiaries ensuring that all the charity's activities come within its charitable objects
- To set overall strategy and policy objectives and be mindful of them at all times
- To be an active member of the Board of Trustees in exercising its responsibilities and functions

Person Specification - Essential

- Be a member of Money Advice and Community Support (trading as Money Advice Plus) with a minimum annual membership fee of £1
- Be a Director of the company (limited by guarantee) Please check that you fulfil the conditions <https://www.gov.uk/limited-company-formation/appoint-directors-and-company-secretaries>
- Be willing to provide data required to be added to the Charity Commission website, Companies House website and the Financial Conduct Authority Register – your name only will be visible to the public.
- Be registered as a Trustee and Director with our main banker and provide relevant identification documents
- Have a Disclosure and Barring Service check for Money Advice Plus (DBS check are not currently portable unless you have joined the update service)
- Be confident about our purpose and work and be an ambassador for Money Advice Plus
- Excellent organisation and communication skills
- Integrity, strategic vision and good/independent judgement
- A willingness to devote the necessary time and effort to their duties as Trustee. Subgroups are held quarterly and board meeting bi-monthly. Meetings are up to 1 ½ hours each.
- Ability to take decisions for the good of the charity
- Willingness to speak one's mind and listen to the views of others
- Ability to work effectively as a member of a team
- Understanding of the legal responsibilities and liabilities of a Trustee
- Commitment to the charity for a 3-year period



About us

We have four strategic aims

- To maintain and strengthen our services to enable people to deal more confidently with their money.
- To embed our commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion in everything we do.



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- To promote Money Advice Plus to be known as a centre of excellence.
- To ensure staff are enabled to provide high-quality services to our clients.

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In 2022-23, we received 5690 enquiries into our service and assisted **3714** people with debt and welfare benefit problems. These numbers are for just one year, but the impact on each client is immense and has life-changing outcomes.

The result of this work

- Increase benefit income by £1,562,348 (£1,963,310)
- Secure one-off payments of benefits of at least £280,204 (£400,829)
- Secured £116,782 in Discretionary Housing Payments
- Obtain charitable grants and refunds and compensation of £503,357 (£423,019)
- Insolvency amounting to £596,373.
- Debt write-off (not insolvency) £1,011,427. This includes £868,843 for victim-survivors £178,784 using our innovative Economic Abuse Evidence Form that is currently piloted by several major banks, debt purchasing and utility companies.
- Negotiated with creditors to reduce client payments of £46,345 (£47,873) per year.

Altogether with charitable payments and other financial outcomes, our clients were better off by a total of £4,375,104 (£4,474,556) per year, an average of £1634 (£938) per client. or £3.17 (£3.50) for every £1 spent on our service.

Money Handling service

- 424 (438) people received a money-handling service, primarily in Brighton and East Sussex.
- £5,329,122 (£4,892,00) of clients' money was handled. This comprises clients' income received and used to fulfil their weekly and monthly budget requirements, pay bills and debts, and provide weekly cash.





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Contact details

If you would like to have a conversation about being a Trustee or would like to submit your c.v., please contact Tracie.church@moneyadviceplus.org.uk or Karen.perrier@moneyadviceplus.org.uk



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