

# Edberts House



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## Welcome from the Chair to Prospective Trustees

Hello,

Thank you so much for requesting this information pack and taking the time to learn about Edberts House and the work we have been developing in Gateshead.

We are excited about the difference that connecting people with one another is making in our communities. Connections by building friendships, good support networks and linking communities with those who make decisions, creating new, better informed ways of delivering services.

We are great admirers of the work of Sir Michael Marmot, and much of our work is built on his research and evidence. We want to build happier, healthier, friendlier communities, as – in Marmot's words – "Why treat people and send them back to the conditions that made them sick?"

We hope you will enjoy reading about our current work and future plans, and that it will inspire you to get involved.



*Amanda Healy*  
(Chair)



## About Edberts

Edberts House is a registered charity named after our first community house, situated in the Borough of Gateshead. Our story began 15 years ago with a small group of local people in East Gateshead wanting to see positive change on their estate. Since then, we have expanded our activities into four distinct community hubs across Gateshead delivering support and activities driven by the needs of local residents. Through our Community Linking Project, we also provide social prescribing support in three Primary Care Networks of Gateshead, covering 18 GP surgeries, alongside specialist link workers within secondary care and our specialist children, young people and families team.

We are also hosting Compassionate Gateshead <https://www.compassionategateshead.org/> which aims to bring together services, communities and individuals to improve people's experience of death, caring and grief in Gateshead.

We are looking to recruit new trustees who are enthusiastic about the mission of the organisation, aligned to our values, and motivated by the opportunity to continue innovating to achieve meaningful improvements in community wellbeing across the Borough of Gateshead. We are particularly interested in recruiting trustees with expertise in one or more of the following areas:

- Financial management
- HR management
- Business development and change management experience
- Health and social care structures and systems

Trustees are appointed by the Board of Trustees for a period of three years. Terms may be renewed, subject to the approval of the Board.

Edberts House is keen to maintain and develop the diversity amongst Board Members, particularly strengthening representation of under-represented characteristics and we therefore welcome and encourage applicants from a wide range of backgrounds and experiences.



For further information about Edberts House, please refer to our website [edbertshouse.org](http://edbertshouse.org)





## How to apply

You are asked to apply by letter telling us about your background, what excites you about us and what you feel that you would bring to the role of trustee of Edberts House. If you are applying for a role with particular expertise required (e.g., finance) please indicate what qualifies you for that role.

You do not have to submit a CV, but you can if you wish.

If you would like a conversation with the Chair or CEO before you apply, please contact us at the email address: [info@edbertshouse.org](mailto:info@edbertshouse.org).

Once applications have been received, they will be considered to assess which candidates best meet our current needs, help balance the board's membership and bring valuable diversity. We will then contact you to let you know if we would like to take the process to interview stage. Please apply via the email address: [info@edbertshouse.org](mailto:info@edbertshouse.org) marking your email with the title "Trustee application".

