

# Samworth Foundation

## The Samworth Foundation: Recruitment for Trustees - January 2021

*This is an exciting opportunity to join the Board of Trustees of a Family Foundation seeking to tackle issues of sexual exploitation, climate change and environmental recovery by supporting organisations which address their root causes.*

### About the Samworth Foundation

The Samworth Foundation is a family grant making Foundation which holds assets of c.£60m and awards multi-annual grants to the sum of £2.5m p/a. Grants are made in line with our current core funding strategy which focuses on:

- the prevention and response of sexual exploitation in the UK and internationally and
- climate change and environmental recovery across the UK

In addition, members of the Samworth family are encouraged and supported in their personal philanthropic giving which may often sit outside the core strategy.

In addition to our core work, the Foundation developed a portfolio of work in 2020 to support our Grantees during the Covid-19 pandemic. This includes additional funding for emergency grants, grant extensions and the development of a new £3.5m Transformation and Innovation fund to support organisations to make the necessary step changes required to adapt and survive. An essential element to this fund is that all transformation proposals must contribute to a global green recovery.

### Recruitment

The Samworth Foundation Board of Trustees is currently recruiting for additional Trustees. Trustees are expected to attend up to four Board meetings per year, either hosted remotely or at our office in Melton Mowbray and, during the pandemic, attend virtual monthly meetings to consider proposals to the Transformation and Innovation fund. The role is voluntary, and each term is for three years. For further information please see the **Trustee's Terms of Reference**.

We are looking for a mix of the following skills and experience:

- a sound knowledge of grant making, in particular across small and medium sized organisations
- a sound knowledge and experience in at least one of the core funding areas of the Foundation
- solid experience of working on and with Trustee Boards, ideally within a family or similar Foundation but not essential.

If you would like to apply to join us as a Trustee, please email a copy of your CV and a short covering letter explaining how you fulfil the requirements of our Trustee Role Description and stating why you would like to join our charity as a Trustee to: [admin@samworthfoundation.org.uk](mailto:admin@samworthfoundation.org.uk)

The deadline for us to receive completed applications is 5pm on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

Interviews will be held on Zoom, the date is to be confirmed shortly. If you would like to discuss the role further, please contact Tessa Durham, Grants and Research Manager at [Tessa@samworthfoundation.org.uk](mailto:Tessa@samworthfoundation.org.uk)

For more information about the Foundation please visit our website [www.samworthfoundation.org.uk](http://www.samworthfoundation.org.uk)