

# Good Governance Matters



Governance matters. For your charity to achieve its aims and thrive, success starts at the top. What a board of trustees does and how they do it can be the difference between a thriving, sustainable charity for change or one that simply struggles on.

The conference will look at the key areas you should be thinking about and is a mix of panel discussions, breakout sessions and plenty of opportunity to network with fellow attendees.

You will hear from a range of speakers on key areas affecting governance such as trust and confidence; board diversity; trustees role in fundraising; understanding finance at a board level; decision making during crisis. This conference is critical for anyone involved in or affected by charity governance such as:

- Trustees of any size of charity
- CEOs, company secretaries, senior management and staff who deal with the board or governance matters
- Finance Directors
- Governance professionals and advisors

Online conference - **Tuesday 31 October 2023**

# Outline of the day

09.30 – 09.35

## Welcome

Join us for introductions, housekeeping rules and some audience polls to get started.

09.35 – 10.15

## Keynote – Trust and Confidence in Charities

What the Charity Commission's latest research tells us and what can trustees do?

10.30-11.15

## Panel Debate: The Role of Trustees in Fundraising

A panel debate on how much trustees should get involved in fundraising.

*Speakers: Teresa Tideman, Senior Advisor Quarto Advisors and Chair of Trustees, In Kind Direct; Dr Charlie Sharp, Chair of Trustees, Gloucestershire Community Foundation; Isobel Michael, Trustee and Safeguarding and Whistleblowing Trustee, Ciof*

11.15 – 12.00

## The Governance Code: What is it and How Should Boards Use it?

*Speakers: Radojka Miljevic, Partner, Campbell Tickell and Ben Wittenberg, Director of Development, DSC*



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12.15-13.00

## Panel & Q&A: Boards and Diversity

How can boards ensure they are reflective of the wider community and those that they serve – the challenges and barriers and how to overcome them.

*Speakers: Penny Wilson, CEO, Getting on Board and Malcolm John, CEO, Action for Trustee Racial Diversity UK*

13.00-14.00 Lunch and Networking

14.00-14.45

## Governance when Times are Challenging

We will hear from a major charity about dealing with difficult times.

*Speaker: Hans Dibobe, Chair of Trustees, Detention Action*

15.00-15.45

## Trustees Responsibility in Understanding Finance

A session on what key financial information trustees need to be looking for and what questions they need to be asking of their Exec teams in order to make sure the charity is financially viable and thinking ahead.

*Speaker: Caron Bradshaw, CEO, Charity Finance Group*

16.00-16.30

## Closing Remarks:

### A Call to Action - Building a Brighter Future Together

We conclude with an inspiring call to action, urging attendees to embrace their roles as agents of change and collaborate in redefining charity governance for greater collective impact.

*Speaker: Debra Allcock Tyler, CEO, DSC*

Speakers to be announced shortly