

## Trustee Role Description

### You will:

- Receive an induction about the charity's work and role
- Be supported by the Chair of Trustees, other fellow trustees and Director
- Support the cause of NHSN's charitable purpose to inspire wonder and collective action in all aspects of North East natural history.

### The general responsibilities of the trustee role are to:

- Act in accordance with The Essential Trustee from the Charity Commission.
- Support our charitable purpose, vision, goals, and activities.
- Engage in trustee induction and ongoing development to be an effective trustee.
- Take interest in the charity's delivery and impact
- Regularly attend Board meetings
- A strong personal commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion, growing and widening engagement in natural history.

## Terms of appointment

### Terms of office

- Trustees are appointed for a 3 year term of office, renewal for 2 further terms to a maximum of 9 years.
- This is a voluntary position, but reasonable expenses can be reimbursed.

### Time Commitment

- Attending three Board meetings annually. Currently meetings are held in person at the Great North Museum: Hancock, Newcastle or can be joined remotely.
- Three scheduled meeting with the Finance Manager/ Director with flexibility to respond swiftly to the occasional ad hoc issue.
- Attending occasional training or strategy planning sessions.