

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your enquiry about joining our board of trustees.

At Back Up, we inspire people affected by spinal cord injury to get the most out of life. For over 30 years, we've helped people and their families to rebuild their independence after a devastating spinal cord injury. Our award-winning, practical services challenge the perceptions of what's possible and increase people's skills and confidence. Today, we're at the forefront of helping people adjust positively to spinal cord injury – because our support is provided by people who have been there and can understand what you are going through. You can find out more about the services we offer at www.backuptrust.org.uk.

We are shortly coming to the end of our current strategy and will soon be launching a new five-year strategy to take us through to 2025. We are growing, and have ambitious plans to reach more people, extend our range of services and deepen the impact of our work.

We are seeking three new trustees to play a vital role in supporting our strategic goals, and we encourage everyone who meets the criteria of the role description and feels passionate about our work to apply.

Having conducted a skills audit of our Board, we would welcome candidates with marketing and communications experience or those who've worked in the spinal cord injury medical field. In addition, we are seeking to improve the diversity of our Board, so would also encourage applicants aged between 18-24, family members affected by spinal injury and those from an ethnic minority background.

Our deadline for applications is 22 May 2019. Please send your CV along with an accompanying letter explaining your reasons for applying to me at becky@backuptrust.org.uk. Trustees will short list and then everyone will be contacted to let you know whether you have been successful for interview. Interviews will take place in person at Back Up's offices in the second and third week of June.

We have included a recruitment pack which outlines what's involved in the role, as well as a person specification which sets out what we are looking for in our trustees.

With best wishes,

Becky Hill
Chair of Trustees