

## **SAFE SPACE BOARD MEMBER (VOLUNTEER)**

Would you like to join our board to help make a difference to the lives of survivors of childhood sexual abuse?

### **Who We Are**

Safe Space has been offering free and confidential support for individuals, parents, and relatives as well as for young people aged 12-18 years old for over 25 years. We provide a wide range of support from counselling (one to one) at our Dunfermline base and in Cowdenbeath; group work, awareness raising, and training. We welcome people from anywhere if they can travel to Dunfermline to attend sessions.

The charity has been core funded by Fife Council and the NHS (now Fife Health and Social Care Partnership) for 25 years, the Scottish Government's Survivor Innovation and Support Fund, and the Robertson Trust.

### **What are we looking for?**

We are looking for people who care about making a difference to the lives of individuals who have experienced childhood sexual abuse and who can make a regular commitment to the charity. Each member of our Board is appointed based on a wide range of their experience, contacts and interests and applications are welcome from anyone with relevant skills and experience to share with the charity. As the Directors wish to expand the range of skills on the Board, we would be particularly interested to hear from applicants with experience in counselling and therapy work, those working with vulnerable people, and with knowledge of the Scottish voluntary sector. Applications are welcomed from candidates from groups currently underrepresented on company boards including age, disability, gender, race/ethnicity, religion or belief, sex, and sexual orientation.

### **About the opportunity**

The Board of directors are responsible for the overall governance and strategic direction of the charity, working with the Chair to develop the values, goals, and objectives in accordance with the governing document, legal and regulatory guidelines.

### **Practical Considerations**

Directors are appointed for a term of up to four years and are eligible to serve for up to a further four years, after which they must retire from the Board. Directors are recommended to attend a brief induction course at Safe Space. Board meetings are currently held every 4-6 weeks on a Tuesday evening between 6pm and 8pm, in person at the Dunfermline office/virtually on Zoom. There may also be a requirement to contribute between meetings as appropriate.

If you are interested or want to know more, please email [contact@safe-space.co.uk](mailto:contact@safe-space.co.uk) for an application form or ring 01383 739084.

Reasonable travel expenses can be reimbursed.