**Looking for a Trustee role where you can make a real difference?**

Are you passionate about education and inclusion? Do you want to make a difference to the lives of people with learning disabilities and autistic people?

Talkback UK is seeking a new Trustee with expertise in education, ideally within a Specialist Post-16 Institution, to join our Board. We are a charity dedicated to enabling people to live fulfilling lives through opportunities in learning, work, health, and community.

As a Trustee, you will bring knowledge and insight from the education sector – whether from schools, colleges, local authorities, or related fields – to help shape our strategy and strengthen our impact. You will play a key role in ensuring our programmes are relevant, ambitious, and responsive to the needs of the people we support.

**Essential skills and experience:**

* Strong understanding of the UK education system, particularly in relation to inclusion, special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), and lifelong learning.
* Experience in a leadership or governance role within schools, colleges, local authorities, or education-focused charities
* Knowledge of current policy and practice around education, skills development, and employability for your people and adults with additional needs
* Ability to analyse information, interpret data, and use evidence to support decision-making at Board level
* Commitment to Talkback’s vision of enabling people with learning disabilities and autistic people to live fulfilling lives

**Desirable skills and experience:**

* Experience of partnership working between education, health, and social care sectors
* Understanding of curriculum development, oracy, employability, and personal development programmes
* Knowledge of funding streams and opportunities to support education and skills initiatives
* Previous experience of charity governance or non-executive leadership

**Personal Attributes**

* Commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion in education and society
* Ability to act with integrity, confidentiality, and impartiality.
* Strong communication skills, with the ability to both challenge and support in a constructive manner
* Demonstrates a collaborative approach, sharing expertise while respecting the views of others
* Strategic thinker who can focus on long-term vision while understanding operational challenges.

**Expectations of Trustees**

* Attend quarterly Board meetings and occasional subcommittee meetings
* Contribute actively to the Board’s role in setting strategy, overseeing performance and ensuring financial stability
* Champion Talkback’s work within personal and professional networks
* Undertake trustee training and keep up to date with relevant developments in education and charity governance

**Safeguarding Statement**

Talkback is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and adults with care and support needs and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

This post is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 and will require a Disclosure & Barring Service check (DBS) and references.