



## **Chair of the Board of Trustees (Voluntary)** *Muirfield Riding Therapy (MRT)*

Lead with heart. Unite people. Help shape an ambitious future.

### **About Muirfield Riding Therapy (MRT)**

Muirfield Riding Therapy (MRT) is much more than a charity. It is a place where people feel welcome, understood, and changed in ways that often can't be put into words.

Every week, children, young people and adults come to MRT to experience the unique benefits of equine-assisted therapy. Whether they are riding real or mechanical ponies, working with them on the ground, or simply spending quiet, reflective time in their presence, something meaningful happens. Confidence grows. Anxiety softens. Connections form.

Our participants feel safe, valued and empowered. Families feel supported. Volunteers feel proud to be part of something that matters. Our ponies are treated with care, kindness and respect.

Everything we do is guided by our values: Joy, Belonging and Empowerment.

We have ambitious plans for MRT's future as the organisation evolves – to deepen our impact, nurture our culture, and make sure the charity continues to thrive for generations to come.

### **The Role: Chair of the Board**

We are now looking for an exceptional **Chair of the Board of Trustees** to help guide MRT's evolution into its next chapter.

Although voluntary, this is a role for someone who wants to be embedded in the organisation and make a real difference. We are looking for a Chair who is genuinely engaged, and who understands that leadership at MRT is as much about people, presence and culture as it is about governance and strategy.

As Chair, you will be the guardian of our mission and values, a unifying influence across the organisation, and a trusted partner to our trustees, staff, volunteers and the wider MRT community.

## Who We're Looking For

We are looking for a Chair who combines professional rigour with deep humanity.

You are likely to bring:

- A unifying leadership style - someone who brings people together, builds trust, and creates a shared sense of purpose.
- Strong governance experience as Chair, and ideally with a clear understanding of charity governance and accountability.
- Charity sector experience is desirable but not essential, including strategic leadership and insight into the challenges and opportunities charities face today, as they evolve and grow.
- Fundraising experience is desirable, with the confidence to champion MRT, support income generation, and open doors through your networks.
- A visible approach, with the time and willingness to be present at MRT, not just in meetings but on site, getting to know the organisation as it truly is.
- A strong focus on people and culture, recognising that our staff, volunteers and families are central to everything we do.
- The ability to connect with participants and families, with empathy, curiosity and a genuine appreciation of the life-changing power of our work with ponies.

Above all, we are looking for someone who truly believes in MRT - someone with a deep passion for what we do and a desire to help it flourish.

## What You'll Do as Chair

As Chair, you will:

- Work effectively with the Board and the Operating Group to ensuring strong governance and clear strategic direction.
- Champion MRT's mission, values and culture.
- Act as a warm, credible and authentic ambassador for the charity.
- Support the leadership and operational team to deliver impact, sustainability and growth as the organisation evolves.
- Help shape and strengthen fundraising strategy and relationships.
- Foster a collaborative, inclusive and values-led Board culture.
- Keep MRT resilient and focused on its long-term impact and values.

## Time Commitment

This role requires a meaningful commitment, with flexibility depending on what's happening across the organisation. There will be quieter periods and busier moments, particularly around major decisions, or fundraising activity. In addition to chairing around six Board meetings each year, the Chair will it is likely that your time commitment will be spread over approximately 5 to 7 working days per month. Your role as Chair will involve:

- Maintaining regular contact with the Operational Group, the Centre Manager, Fundraising Manager and other key staff
- Spending time at MRT and attend key events
- Supporting fundraising, stakeholder engagement and strategic development as needed

## Why This Role Matters

This is a rare opportunity to lead a charity where the impact is immediate, visible and deeply human. You will see confidence build, smiles appear, and quiet breakthroughs take place through the gentle presence of our ponies and the dedication of our people.

If you believe leadership is about service, connection and purpose, and you would like to use your experience to help an extraordinary organisation achieve its objectives, we would love to hear from you.

**There is no remuneration, but the reward is the chance to help change lives, every single day.**

## Applications to:

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