



## **Donor Conception Network**

### **An opportunity to join the Trustee board**

The Donor Conception Network is the leading charity supporting anyone who is thinking about using or who has used donor conception – that may be egg, sperm or embryo donation or surrogacy – to have children. We support openness in families about these issues.

We are looking for new Trustees to strengthen our skill base and replace departing Trustees.

#### **What we do**

- We provide support and resources to over 2,000 member families, mainly in the UK but also overseas. As well as working directly with families and donor conceived people we work on their behalf: advising clinics, policy makers and other professional bodies.
- We run a busy support helpline, helping to address the social and emotional issues people face, as well as offering practical information and advice.
- We publish and distribute a unique range of resources, from children's storybooks, advice guides for parents and family members, to DVD films featuring donor conceived young people.
- We run conferences and workshops to help people prepare for parenthood, and to explore ways of telling children about their conception.

Managed by Director Nina Barnsley and four part-time staff from an office in Kings Cross, London, UK with support from various freelancers.

#### **Who we are looking for**

We are looking for enthusiastic and motivated people, with a commitment to the aims of the Network, to join us as Trustees. Applicants should support fertility treatment and donor conception in general, and appreciate the value of openness in families. You might have personal experience and knowledge of infertility issues, including donor conception or surrogacy.

We are interested to hear from applicants who have worked on committees, boards or as trustees, and particularly with experience of any of the following

- Financial management and/or accounting
- IT/Website
- Publishing
- Human resources
- Communications and social media



Trustees normally meet 4 times a year in a central London location and may occasionally meet formally on Zoom at other points through the year. They communicate mainly via email and Zoom Meetings are held during the working day, normally on a Friday afternoon. Due to the nature of its work and funding there is an expectation that Trustees will contribute actively to the work of the charity.

Trustees will receive reasonable out-of-pocket expenses.

### **How to apply**

An information pack containing a role description and personal criteria can be found at [www.dcnetwork.org/vacancies](http://www.dcnetwork.org/vacancies) . To apply, please submit a CV and a covering letter to [enquiries@dcnetwork.org](mailto:enquiries@dcnetwork.org). Your covering letter should describe your interest in our work and the contribution you can make, and provide examples to demonstrate how your experience meets the personal criteria in the information pack.

Applications close 9am **31<sup>st</sup> January 2022**. Interviews for shortlisted candidates will be held early February. Final decisions will be made soon after and the appointment will formally start after the **AGM on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2022**.

For further information or an informal chat about the role please contact Sue Dean, the current chair, on [chair@dcnetwork.org](mailto:chair@dcnetwork.org). More information about general Trustee duties can be found at <http://www.charitycommission.gov.uk/publications/cc3.aspx#f3>