

Trustee Elections 2020: Candidates' statements

The following statements have been provided by the candidates to help inform your vote.

Board of Trustees

The trustees are the management committee of Community Works, a registered charity and company limited by guarantee. They are responsible for strategic policy and planning, ensuring the organisation remains true to its original vision, and that it complies with all necessary rules and legal obligations.

Candidates

Cat Vizer, ESTEEM

I have worked in the voluntary sector for over ten years as Chief Officer of a local youth charity, ESTEEM.

I am passionate about enabling communities to flourish. I believe working in partnership with other local groups is the best way to promote meaningful opportunities for all. It's about people pulling together to achieve great things and realise their full potential.

I was honoured to be approached by Community Works and wholeheartedly accepted their invitation to become a trustee earlier this year. I've already learned so much and it's great to experience a different perspective as a board member. I am excited to be part of this team of change makers within the wider community.

To keep motivated I ensure a good work-life balance filled with surfing, mountaineering and good food!

Pam Mitchell, FareShare Sussex

I have worked in senior roles in the charity sector since 1992, most recently as Transition Manager for FareShare Sussex. Other roles have been as CEO of Age UK East Grinstead & District, and with Age UK National, South Downs CVS, Headway, Gingerbread and Mind.

I have been a Parish Councillor and a trustee for several local charities, currently with Emmaus Sussex, where I am Vice Chair and interim Company Secretary. I have a qualification in the Management of Voluntary Organisations from Southampton University as well as attaining a Personal Assistant qualification with East Sussex County Council.

I love my family & friends, films, holidays, clothes – and chocolate!