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Trustee Story – Ben

We have also caught up with Ben, a Trustee of [Kickstart Norfolk](#), a charity which provides a transport solution for people in Norfolk, Suffolk and Cambridgeshire, principally through the loan of mopeds.

Ben is 35 and works within the post 16 education sector, so he was aware of what Kickstart does, but he says he had not considered a role as a charity trustee before he was approached and asked if he was interested. Ben has a busy life and young family and wasn't sure at first what he had to offer. However, after conversations with the chair and the manager, he did join the Kickstart Board about a year ago, and says that he has found the role of trustee to be a positive experience.



Initially Ben found committee meetings a little daunting, and he had to learn a number of new skills in order to successfully participate, these included; financial forecasts, budgets and cashflows, but with support from other Board members and the manager, he now feels more confident and better able to contribute. Ben has recently been promoted at work, and he feels that the knowledge and confidence he has gained from being a member of the Kickstart Board has certainly helped him to achieve his promotion.

He would like to encourage other younger people to get involved as trustees and recommends that they find a charity that aligns with their hobbies, interests and values. He says “Although I have a busy life, I have found being a trustee a really rewarding experience. I feel I am developing new skills, forming new relationships whilst making a useful contribution to such a great charity”

Inspired by Ben's story? Kickstart are currently looking for an additional trustee who is fully supportive of the aims of the charity and the people they seek to help. They are looking for someone with general skills and experience in any of the following areas; Administration, Finance, Grant applications, Marketing, Personnel Management, Planning, Research, Governance.

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