

MOTHERS' UNION, LEICESTER DIOCESE

ROLE OF DIOCESAN TRUSTEE

Mothers' Union Leicester Diocese is a charity registered with the Charity Commission for England & Wales.

What does a trustee do?

Trustees have collective responsibility for the overall control of the charity and are responsible for making sure that it is doing what it was set up to do. Being a trustee means making decisions about how Mothers' Union works in the Diocese.

Who can be a trustee?

There are no specific qualifications – trustees are expected to use the range of skills and experience they have gained for the benefit of Mothers' Union. However, there are some basic requirements that have to be met:

- to be aged 18 or over
- not to be legally disqualified from acting as a trustee

What is expected of a trustee?

A trustee is expected to:

- attend trustee meetings and prepare by reading any papers sent out in advance
- contribute to discussions in trustee meetings
- ask questions about anything that is unclear
- make decisions collectively as a trustee board for the benefit of Mothers' Union in the Diocese

Being a trustee is a commitment, but it is also a joy and a privilege, enabling individuals to learn more about Mothers' Union and make a positive contribution to achieving the aims of the organisation in this Diocese.

What help is available?

A range of information and guidance for trustees is available on the central Mothers' Union website. Training is provided at the start of each triennium by the central charity for all Mothers' Union trustees and support is available from the Provincial President and the staff team at Mary Sumner House.