

What is a trustee network?

A trustee network is a mechanism through which trustees from a variety of organisations can share their experiences and support each other.

Trustee networks can take many forms, for example:

- A conference for trustees held each year with workshops and speakers
- A formal meeting twice a year hosted by one organisation with speakers
- An informal meeting several times a year with either discussion topics or speakers
- An arrangement whereby trustees meet informally in a predefined location, such as a pub or café, every other month
- A lunch or dinner for trustees
- Training, update or information sessions for trustees
- Events or meetings for trustees from a particular type of charities
- Events or meetings for particular groups such as chairs or treasurers

The key characteristics of all of the above are:

- they involve trustees from a number of different charities
- they include opportunities for those trustees to talk to each other, share their experiences and support each other
- there is some regularity to the contact, events or meetings, even if that is only once a year

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