



Background Information

Trustee Nominations

CoLab Exeter is the new name for Exeter CVS, and is a dynamic, cross-sector and multi-agency co-working hub that brings together a range of services in collaboration to improve outcomes across four strategic themes:

- **Belonging:** Addressing homelessness and giving people opportunities for participation in their communities
- **Rehabilitation:** Supporting people to re-settle into their communities after contact with the criminal justice system, and reducing the likelihood of reoffending
- **Recovery:** Supporting people to overcome trauma and episodes of mental ill-health and drug or alcohol dependence
- **Health & Wellbeing:** Improving health outcomes in the city through specifically addressing health inequality and the health needs of vulnerable people

A team of three Directors lead on strategy and policy, social innovation, and learning for social purpose respectively. CoLab is now home to over 30 projects and services, with over 100 hosted staff working together to achieve our objectives. Services are as diverse as a specialist GP practice for homeless people, to BAME community organisations; mental health support to community learning courses; and veteran's support to offender management. CoLab, as our name suggests, is both a place to collaborate, and a place to experiment.

As part of a recent review the Local Government Association found that "CoLab was felt to be inspirational and to provide a model for future partnership initiatives..."

As the organisation evolves to better support the projects that we host, and to use our combined learning and experience to shape local policy and make a local impact, we are now looking for additional Trustees to join our small and dedicated Board and help guide the company through its next stage of development. We want to broaden our Board's skills base, knowledge and networks and seek people who can help us think long term and strategically; who can motivate, support and challenge us as we move ahead.

You will have the personal presence, influence and connections to drive our ambitions forward and build support for CoLab. We are keen to hear from professionals with experience of leadership in any of our key strategic themes, in senior commissioning or funding, or in leading transformative change. People with a legal, marketing, and financial background would also be of great interest.

We welcome applications from candidates with the relevant skills and experience to undertake the role effectively, who have an interest in and understanding of working with people with complex needs, and who are eligible to act as a charity trustee. We are also committed to increasing the diversity of the Board and to recruiting Trustees who are currently under-represented, especially women, and people from the LGBT+ and BAME communities.

The role of Trustee is a voluntary position. Board meetings take place 4 times a year, and the Board also has sub-committees and working groups.

For further information on how to apply, email amy.morgan@colabexeter.org.uk