

## Opportunity to join the Board of Trustees at Adventure Ashram charity



### **Who are we?**

Adventure Ashram is a small but mighty charity founded by a group of adventurers. Established in 2007, we support life-saving grassroots projects in India, with a focus on anti-trafficking, education, and accessible health care. We work closely with our local partners, supporting them with funding, project implementation and capacity building. We have helped thousands of survivors of human trafficking, and hundreds of vulnerable children access education and ongoing healthcare. Our UK operations focus heavily on fundraising, organising a range of fantastic events to raise much needed funds across the year. We also run global campaigns such as the ground-breaking Yoga Stops Traffick and help facilitate exciting overseas adventures.

The past two years have been extremely challenging for our organisation but with a new CEO at our helm we are working towards building sustainable income streams and ensuring a positive future for Adventure Ashram and the fantastic charities we support.

### **Who are we looking for?**

We are looking to appoint a Treasurer and two Trustees to join our existing board of six people who are passionate about our Vision of a world without injustice, in which all people can enjoy their rights, their self-determination and their freedom. We're looking for people from a range of backgrounds and are particularly interested in hearing from women with lived and/or cultural experience of India.

We'd love to hear from those with one or more of:

- Accounting and financial knowledge – for the treasurer role
- Fundraising expertise
- Expertise and knowledge of the Yoga community and industry
- Charity law and governance knowledge and experience
- International programme management and NGO experience

However, if you don't have experience in any of the above but have a passion for advocating for victims and survivors of human trafficking and supporting vulnerable communities in India – we'd still love to hear from you.

We're open to hearing from first time Trustee applicants too as joining a Board can be an amazing way to develop your strategic and leadership skills.

*“Adventure Ashram is a brilliant small charity; it supports fantastic projects in India and manages to have a lot of fun in the process. We hold a motorbike rally in the UK each year, as well as having organised numerous trips abroad to raise money. We also manage the brilliant Yoga Stops Traffick campaign which inspires and connects yoga enthusiasts around the globe to come together and raise much needed funds for the projects we support in India. Volunteering as a trustee gives me a chance to do something meaningful with good people, and I can't wait to welcome more people to the Adventure Ashram team” – current Trustee at Adventure Ashram.*

## Expectations

Our Board meets 4 times per year, on weekday evenings. Most of our meetings currently take place online. We also ask trustees to join one of our committees: fundraising, finance and programme management. These committees meet once every two months. All trustees are also invited to all UK based Adventure Ashram events, and we would hope you can attend 1-2 of these per year, where possible.

## What are the benefits of joining us?

As part of our Board, you will help us achieve our purpose of supporting local charitable organisations in India that provide safety and the chance of a new life for women and children who have experience of human trafficking, domestic abuse, forced labour, domestic servitude and other forms of violence and oppression. In addition, charities that provide access to education and healthcare.

If you have interest in our work and believe you can make a difference to Adventure Ashram and the charities we support, we would love to hear from you.

**Closing Date:** 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023

## Application process:

If you wish to apply, please submit a CV and covering letter detailing why you wish to join our board and your relevant experience. Please send to [siobhan@adventureashram.org](mailto:siobhan@adventureashram.org)

If you would like to have an informal chat about the role please contact our CEO, Siobhan McCarthy Morton, at [siobhan@adventureashram.org](mailto:siobhan@adventureashram.org)