

Could you become a school trustee?

Swindon's The Blue Kite Academy Trust (BKAT) is looking for members of the local business community to consider volunteering to become a school trustee.

Anna Richardson, Head of Governance, said, "I am keen to recruit trustees and governors from local business to work alongside the CEO and headteachers to ensure the best possible education for our young people in Swindon.

"In the Trust we now have eight Swindon schools and have grown quickly in the last year (three schools have joined this year), so it is a time of growth and change and I am keen to recruit trustees for the Trust Board that oversee all eight schools and also governors who govern at a local level in an individual school."

The Trust currently comprises of Abbey Meads Community Primary School, Badbury Park Primary School, Brook Field Primary School, Catherine Wayte Primary School, Colebrook Infant Academy, Ferndale Primary and Nursery School, Ruskin Junior School and William Morris Primary and Nursery School.



Paul Himple, Managing Director, Go Legal HR Ltd, has been a trustee since 2015. Paul, said, "The most rewarding aspect of being a trustee is to in some small part be responsible for and involved in making decisions that may help the development of current and future generations. If anyone is considering giving something back to the community and/or has time on their hands and wants to put it to good use, there can be little better than supporting the development and ensuring the protection of future generations.

"In terms of trustee commitment, I attend the Trust Board

meeting held six times a year and the committee meetings that I am a member of (Finance, Premises and Resources and Risk, Audit and Strategy). Most meetings are a maximum of two hours with some pre reading."

Pauline Miller, Chair of Trustees, said, "I have always believed that children deserve the best possible education, and I am proud that schools within the Trust are constantly striving to improve and provide outstanding provision.

"What is particularly interesting about being a Trustee of the BKAT is that it is a relatively new, evolving Trust. I have enjoyed supporting the senior team as we have grown, but I still feel we are small enough to know the schools within the Trust well.

"I really enjoy visiting schools and talking to children about their learning and supporting the recruitment process for members of the central team, senior leaders in school.

"The BKAT Board is made up of a range of people with different skills and attributes, being an educationalist is not a requirement. So, being a trustee will give you a chance to use your skills and expertise alongside the Trust's senior leadership team, through offering support and encouragement alongside appropriate challenge."

To find out more about becoming a trustee or a governor at The Blue Kite Academy Trust contact Head of Governance, Anna Richardson by emailing: richardsona@bluekitetrust.org.uk or call: 01793 332425 ext:283



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10 PEAKS, 10 HOURS - ARE YOU UP TO THE CHALLENGE?

Now that the days are getting longer and the signs of spring are showing, the great outdoors is calling, and the Youth Adventure Trust is encouraging you to take part in its 10 Peaks Challenge.

If you are looking for a team-building day with a difference, fancy a challenging day outside with a group of friends (all within the Covid guidelines and regulations) or want to raise funds to help vulnerable young people face the challenges in their lives, then perhaps this is the challenge for you.

On Saturday 10th July 2021, teams of between four and six people will don their walking boots, set their compasses and trek an amazing route through the Brecon Beacons National Park, covering 34km and 10 different peaks, including the iconic Pen y Fan, in a target time of 10 hours.

The event is being sponsored by Ellis Brigham Mountain Sports, who are covering the costs, meaning that there is no entry fee.

However, teams are asked to raise funds to support the Youth Adventure Trust. All participants will receive a 15% discount voucher to spend online or in-store at Ellis Brigham Mountain Sports.

The Youth Adventure Trust is a registered charity that helps vulnerable young people, aged 11 - 16, build resilience, develop confidence and learn the skills to face the challenges in their lives and make positive choices.

All of the funds raised go towards supporting vulnerable young people through these challenging times. The 10 Peaks Challenge is now in its 12th year and has raised over £125,000 to support vulnerable

youngsters.

Alex, a participant on the 2020 10 Peaks Challenge, said, "On behalf of all of the participants from T H White, and our families, thank you so much for your efforts and determination in going ahead with the event despite COVID-19. There is a real sense of achievement in the teams.

"The whole event was tremendously well organised from start to finish; the staff and volunteers were just so welcoming, happy and helpful."

For more information and to sign your team up for the 10 Peaks Challenge, visit www.youthadventuretrust.org.uk or contact Natalie Perkins on 07944 803015 or email: natalie@youthadventuretrust.org.uk



10 Peaks Challenge

Saturday 10th July 2021
Brecon Beacons

10 Peaks in 10 Hours
FREE Entry
Teams of 4-6



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