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The Godly Play UK trust would like to recruit some new trustees.

*Could you be one of them?*

[www.godlyplay.uk](http://www.godlyplay.uk)

Registered Charity Number 1116846

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# Vision

### Godly Play UK’s vision is for childhood spirituality to be taken seriously.

# A group of children playing on the floor Description automatically generated with medium confidenceAbout Godly Play UK

In a world where children’s emotional and spiritual health matters more than ever, we offer a non-directive approach that is rooted in play, story, creativity and language development to explore meaning in our lives.

### Godly Play UK is a Christian movement centred on childhood spirituality providing training, advice and support for those who use the Godly Play method.

Registered as a charity in 2006, it supports the work of Godly Play practitioners in England and Wales, and particularly the trainers, who work across the country delivering a variety of courses in person and online.

The Trustees meet formally four times a year. Since 2020 meetings have been

electronic and this has been beneficial, reducing travelling time and expense. Focused task groups meet as and when required.

The Trust’s trainers are remunerated for the courses they run but several of them contribute on a voluntary basis to the further development and promotion of the trust’s work. There are informal networks supporting those involved in Godly Play across the country and there is an active Godly Play Facebook group.

# What will I have to do?

### The Trustees meet four times a year for two hours on Zoom and there is an annual face-to-face meeting with Godly Play UK trainers. In between formal meetings, individual trustees offer advice and support on an *ad-hoc* basis from their own areas of expertise and interest.

# Why be a trustee?

Being a trustee is being a guardian of something you hold dear. It provides the opportunity to work to make sure things you value, and feel are life-changing, can be available to people that will benefit from them. It offers an opportunity to work with others to ensure that a charity is managed in a responsible way and achieves its charitable objects, promoting the work it undertakes. One trustee of Godly Play UK describes it like this. ‘I care about childhood spirituality, and making time for children, and by supporting the work of Godly Play UK with a couple of hours of my time a month, I know I am making a positive difference to children's lives.’   
Another trustee offers this perspective. ‘I am retired now so it is an opportunity to use the skills I developed whilst working for the benefit of others.’

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The role of a trustee is to watch every aspect of the running of a charitable organization, to ensure that nothing is done contrary to the declared aims, that the law is observed especially (but not only) in relation to The Charities Act (2011), that the financial affairs of the organization are in order, legally managed and viable. In addition, trustees may contribute some of their skills to its management or daily running, usually without remuneration.

In the case of Godly Play UK this will mean supporting and upholding the aims and objectives of its parent body, the Godly Play Foundation, in promoting and establishing Godly Play in its purest form; ensuring compliance with the demands placed upon Godly Play UK as a charity registered with the Charity Commission and supporting the development of authentic faith and Christian experience in young people in line with the aims and objectives of the Godly Play Foundation.

# What do we need?

We are looking for new trustees who can contribute their knowledge, skills and expertise in the following areas:

* Financial management – oversight of financial affairs, also fund raising and grant applications
* Communications and marketing – an advocate for the potential of new and social media would be welcome
* Strategy – experience of identifying goals and setting priorities would be valuable
* Spirituality – an interest in children’s spirituality would be helpful but is not essential.

# Funding

The principal sources of funding are:

* Course fees
* An Associates’ fund
* Donations

### Godly Play UK makes 10% of its annual gains available to subsidise the cost of attending its 3-day training courses.

The Trust takes a cautious approach to investment in line with our Reserves Policy. GPUK reserves should be placed so that they achieve a competitive rate of interest but

* should be held in an ethical fund;
* should be held in a secure fund with minimal risk;
* placement of the reserves should be approved by the Trustees.

# Further information

More information about Godly Play UK can be found on the website [www.godlyplay.uk](http://www.godlyplay.uk)

You can find out about the workings of the charity on the Charity Commission website, where the annual report and accounts are lodged each year. Search using the charity name and its number (1116846).

Godly Play is a world-wide movement. Godly Play UK works closely with the USA-based Godly Play Foundation and others across the globe. It is ecumenical and non-denominational and works closely with church congregations and leaders from many traditions.

## For a conversation, contact the Chair of Trustees, Gill Ambrose [chair@godlyplay.uk](mailto:chair@godlyplay.uk), 07855513506

# Recruitment

The requirements of charity law mean that trustee recruitment must be rather more formal than was formerly the case. Applicants for this role will be asked to complete an application form and provide the names of two referees. They will meet with some current trustees and they will be supplied with documentation from the Trust’s recent meetings. An opportunity to observe a trustees meeting may be possible. Current trustees vote to appoint new members to the board.