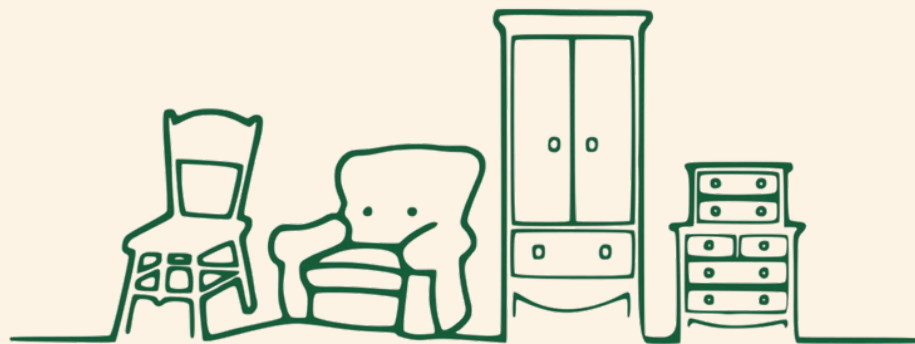


# Join Our Board of Trustees:

## Help Shape a Fairer Future in Yorkshire



### Trustee Recruitment Pack



**community furniture stores**  
GIVING FURNITURE A NEW HOME

# Join us as a trustee

## Help shape a local charity with big ambitions

We're entering an exciting new chapter and we'd love you to be part of it. As some of our current trustees reach the end of their terms, we're looking for new people to join our dynamic board and help guide the future of Community Furniture Stores.



**We want everyone in our local communities to have equal access to the support needed to improve homes, lives and lifestyles.**

We are a grassroots charity with big impact. Each year, we help thousands of people across York, Selby and Scarborough access affordable, good-quality furniture and digital devices, tackle poverty, and gain skills through volunteering. We're currently undertaking a radical redesign of how we operate as a charity so we can support more people and increase our impact. The board plays a crucial role in shaping and guiding the strategic direction of this transformation.

If you want to make a real difference locally and be part of something ambitious, now is the perfect time to get involved.

# Why join us?

- **Be a force for good in your community** – support local people by helping us tackle furniture and digital poverty head-on.
- **Shape the future** – guide a growing, evolving charity during a major organisational merger and rebrand.
- **Learn and grow** – learn about charity governance and collaborate with people from diverse sectors.
- **Connect and contribute** – join sub-committees and contribute hands-on to meaningful projects.

We welcome all voices, and we're especially keen to hear from people in Selby and Scarborough. Diversity makes us stronger.



**Being a trustee can sound intimidating, but it's really about using your experience to support a great cause. The CFS Board is hands-on and welcoming, and I'm pleased to volunteer alongside such great people."**



David Nash - Chair of Trustees



# About us

Community Furniture Store is a local charity supporting communities across North Yorkshire. We collect donated furniture and electricals, refurbish and resell them at low cost to help people create better homes. Our York store alone sells around 10,000 items each year, with two-thirds going to low-income households.

Our focus is the home. We understand how essential it is to feel safe, settled and supported where you live – and how difficult life can be when you don't.

Our work also includes:

- **IT ReUse** – tackling digital poverty by refurbishing and redistributing tech in York.
- **Volunteering** – helping people build skills, confidence and experience.
- **Community Bike Project** – giving refurbished bikes to people without access to transport in Selby

We believe in second chances for furniture – and for people.

# The difference we make

Hear some quotes from our customers...



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“The team were very helpful, courteous and friendly. Done a good job.”

“Delivery drivers were amazing and helpful.”

“Lads came, were very friendly and great service.”

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The drivers were very efficient.”

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# What does a trustee do?

You don't need previous board experience. What matters most is your passion, perspective and commitment to our mission.

As a volunteer trustee, you'll:

- Be part of quarterly board meetings, plus one AGM and an annual away day.
- Join a sub-committee to support specific areas like finance, retail, volunteering or communications.
- Contribute ideas, challenge thinking, and support decisions that help us grow.
- Be a visible and active champion of our work.

We welcome trustees from all walks of life, whether you're early in your career, retired, or somewhere in between. We believe diversity of thought and experience makes us stronger.

We're particularly keen to hear from people with experience in:

- Retail – especially as we navigate our merger and look to improve our services.
- HR or health & safety
- Legal (employment, charity, or property)
- Fundraising or business development
- Social justice, poverty, housing or digital inclusion

**But don't worry if you don't tick every box. If you care about what we do and want to help us do it better — that's what counts.**

Ready to use your skills for good?

# How to apply

Send a short expression of interest to our CEO, Katy Ridsdill-Smith at [katy@cfstores.org.uk](mailto:katy@cfstores.org.uk).

Please include a note about what excites you about this opportunity and how you'd like to help!



Visit our [website](#) to learn more about who we are and what we do.

**Or if you'd like a quick chat before applying, just drop us a line and we'll arrange a call with our CEO/Chair of Trustees.**