

## Trustee Application - Information Pack

### Message from Ian Gray – Chair of Trustee

I am delighted that you are interested in exploring more about Toybox. The Role Description and Person Profile will tell you a lot about the role of a Toybox Trustee with our website filling you in on the work that we currently do, but before all of that I wanted to give you an insight into being part of Toybox.

Toybox operates from a modern office in Bletchley, Milton Keynes where you can sense the commitment, professionalism and dedication amongst all of the staff as soon as you walk in. The whole team undertake amazing work with great energy and enthusiasm to support the street children and partners we work with. We try to give these children choices and opportunities in life, which would be impossible without the help of Toybox.

With a strong infrastructure and solid foundations in place, we are poised to expand and develop our work to help more street children and this is a tremendously exciting and challenging time to join us. Our CEO, Lynne Morris brings energy and experience to our Leadership Team.

I am privileged to be joined on the Board by a committed, experienced and skilled team of Trustees (please see [www.toybox.org](http://www.toybox.org) for details). We have worked hard to ensure we operate within a clear understanding of the different roles Executive staff and Trustees hold. We look to ensure we provide appropriate support for the CEO and the Leadership Team whilst properly exercising our governance responsibilities. Why else might you want to be part of Toybox? Because you want to see a just world where no child is forced to live or work on the streets – then you are just the candidate for us.

I hope you find the information we have provided helpful. If you believe you can bring the necessary skills, knowledge and passion to this important cause we would love to hear from you. I would be very happy to speak with you personally and can be contacted by email: [chair@toybox.org](mailto:chair@toybox.org).

Yours faithfully,



Ian Gray  
Toybox Chair of the Board



## **Introduction**

Toybox is a UK Christian charity with a mission to end the injustice of street children, one of the world's most vulnerable groups.

The United Nations estimates the number of street children around the world to be in the hundreds of millions. Toybox works in urban environments across Latin America and is currently helping more than 14,000 street children annually.

## **History**

Our core purpose today remains consistent with the reason Toybox was created over a quarter of a century ago - to help children marginalised and abused by those who should be protecting them.

Toybox started working in Guatemala City in 1992, and we are still there today, working with children who have been plunged into the chaos of living or working on the streets. From working in one country with one partner we are now working in seven countries with eight partners.

## **Vision**

Our vision is of a just world with no street children.

## **Mission**

Our mission is to end the injustice of children living and working on the streets.

## **Time commitment**

The Board meet four times a year at the Toybox office in Bletchley, Milton Keynes. Meeting last for a maximum of 3 hours and are normally take place in the afternoon.

## **Toybox core value**

Our Core Value is: Courageous and to us this means:

- To do the right thing;
- To speak the truth against injustice and;
- To be unafraid to try new ideas.

## **How to apply**

Expressions of interest are by summary CV together with a covering letter explaining what you would hope to bring to the role. You can either email your CV and covering letter to [lynne.morris@toybox.org](mailto:lynne.morris@toybox.org) or post to Lynne Morris – Challenge House, Sherwood Drive, Bletchley, Milton Keynes, MK3 6DP United Kingdom, marking the envelope "Private and Confidential". All expressions of interest will be kept confidential.

Toybox is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people, and expects all staff, trustees and volunteers to share this commitment. Toybox values diversity and therefore we encourage and welcome applications from suitably skilled candidates from all backgrounds. Toybox has signed the ACEVO Diversity Charter for Charity Leadership.

We will only use the information you provide to process your application.