About us

Family for Every Child (Family) is a global alliance of national civil society organisations (members) working together to improve the life of vulnerable children worldwide. We currently have 40 member organisations in 36 countries around the world, and aim to grow this to 40-50 members in the current strategic period.

Across the world, millions of boys and girls are exposed to the risk of exploitation, institutionalisation, trafficking, child labour, early marriage and other forms of physical, sexual and emotional abuse. At Family, we believe that, to reach their full potential, every child has the right to grow up in a safe family environment.

What makes our alliance unique is that it brings together grassroots organisations from around the world that have a deep understanding of the local challenges and needs of children and families in their communities, in their countries, in their culture. Together, we have a stronger international, regional and national voice to advocate for change for the children in their countries, we learn from each other, we cooperate in projects together and with external partners, and we carry out context-based research to inform our advocacy for improvements in children’s lives.

Family for Every Child is a UK registered charity. Family for Every Child New Zealand is a subsidiary of Family for Every Child and is a charitable trust which was registered in NZ in 2017 with the main purpose of establishing a fundraising programme. To date, we have acquired nearly 5,500 new supporters in NZ who generously support us with a financial donation every month. By the end of 2021 we hope to have a supporter base of 10,000+ and to have broken even on our investment. Currently we have one member organisation in New Zealand (Skylight Trust) and we plan to recruit another member in NZ and one in the Pacific Islands within the next year.

For more information about our work and our members, please see our website: https://familyforeverychild.org.nz

About the role

We are currently looking to recruit two new trustees to the Board of Family for Every Child New Zealand. We are looking for two engaged professionals with solid expertise in the charity sector in New Zealand and/or other markets in the region. You will help support us in our fundraising efforts and also help us to create a New Zealand programme which achieves change for children not just through raising income but through campaigns and joint programmatic actions with our members in New Zealand and the wider region.

Person specification

Both trustees will have the following experience and capability:

- Ability to advise the Board and Secretariat on our funding strategy in NZ and the region
- Willingness to represent Family at networking and profile raising events
- Understanding of international development work and working in a global organisation

Trustees of all our Boards need to have the following:

- Understanding, or commitment to acquire an understanding, of the legal duties, responsibilities and liabilities of trustees. Acceptance of these duties, responsibilities and liabilities, and a commitment to operate within them
- Good, independent judgment and the ability to operate at a strategic level

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● An ability and willingness to work as a member of a team and to support management
● Understanding and empathy with Family for Every Child’s vision, mission, values and beliefs
● An interest in understanding the issues Family is seeking to address and the impact we aim to achieve
● Understanding of being part of a network and working in a network or a decentralised organisation
● Willingness to adhere to the Board Code of Conduct.

**Experience of working with or on a Board, whilst desirable, is not an essential requirement for trustees.**

**Duties:**

- To ensure that Family for Every Child New Zealand complies with its trust deed, charity law and any other relevant legislation or regulations
- To ensure that the organisation pursues its objects as defined in its deed, and that it uses its resources exclusively in pursuance of its objects
- To contribute actively to the Board of Trustees in giving firm strategic direction to the organisation, setting overall policy, defining goals, setting targets and evaluating performance against agreed targets
- To safeguard the good name and values of the organisation
- To ensure the effective and efficient administration of the organisation
- To ensure the financial stability of the organisation
- To represent the organisation externally.

In addition to the above duties, each trustee should use any specific skills, knowledge or experience they have to help the Board of Trustees reach sound decisions. This includes:

- scrutinising Board and committee papers
- leading discussions
- focusing on key issues
- providing guidance on new initiatives
- other issues in which the trustee has special expertise.

In all actions, trustees must remain conscious of the fact that all conflicts of interest are to be avoided or disclosed. Decisions must be taken solely with the best interests of Family for Every Child New Zealand in mind.

**Time Commitment**

There are four online Board meetings a year lasting 1-2 hours each. In addition, trustees may be requested to provide support and guidance to the Secretariat between meetings.

**Conditions**

This is a voluntary advisory position with no remuneration. All reasonable expenses related to pre-approved travels and activities will be reimbursed.

**How to apply**

Please email your CV and a letter explaining why you would like to join the Board of Family for Every Child New Zealand and what skills you would bring, to katherine.jacob@familyforeverychild.org

There is no deadline and we will review applications as they come in.

We welcome applicants from anywhere in the world, but particularly New Zealand and the Pacific region.

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