

Nominations for Trustee's:

Please note there are currently a total of 4 positions available.



Chuka Agbasiere – Trustee Candidate

Chuka Agbasiere is a highly accomplished senior executive with over 30 years experience in housing, governance, and strategic leadership. Her expertise in business transformation, financial management, compliance, and policy development makes her an ideal candidate for the Board of Trustees at the CFN.

Chuka has a longstanding commitment to supporting people with disabilities, having played a key role in the management and development of accessible housing and services to meet diverse needs. As CEO and Company Secretary of a national housing society, she led a 300-property portfolio, driving inclusive housing solutions and strengthening governance and financial oversight. She has first-hand experience in charity regulation and trustee responsibilities, making her well-equipped to support CFDN's mission.

Beyond her professional career, Chuka has been deeply engaged in voluntary work since 2009, supporting a charity dedicated to the education of children with disabilities. Her work with the Charity Commission, Financial Conduct Authority, and various non-profit boards has given her a strong governance foundation that will benefit CFDN as it grows.

"Several months ago, I saw a small article in my parish newsletter about CFDN, which piqued my interest and I signed up for the newsletter immediately. It is from the newsletter that I saw the vacancy for a trustee. I served as a trustee of a housing association for four years. Due to my interest in supporting people with disabilities over many years now, being a trustee of one of the providers of this service would not only cement this ongoing passion, it would also enable me to understand the needs of this group more and therefore do more."

When we met with Chuka, her passion for charity, community engagement, and empowering others was evident. Having led organisations through change, she understands the challenges volunteers face and is deeply committed to supporting both CFDN's members and those who make its work possible. We believe her strategic mindset, governance expertise, and dedication to disability advocacy will make a real difference to our charity's future.



Keith Fernet – Trustee Candidate

Keith Fernet MBE is a highly experienced leader and strategist with over 40 years of executive leadership, governance, and financial management expertise. Having served as CEO, Managing Director, and Consultant across local government, central government, and the charity sector, he brings a proven track record in performance management, organisational transformation, and financial sustainability.

Keith has a deep commitment to Catholic social action and community service. He previously led a large Catholic charity supporting homeless individuals, ex-offenders, and those with mental health challenges, successfully securing £13 million in funding to transform its services. He currently serves as a Trustee of a Catholic Multi-Academy Trust, chairing its Finance, Audit, and Risk Committee with oversight of a £20 million annual budget. Keith has also played an integral

role in fundraising and governance within his local parish and diocesan groups, helping to raise £1.5 million for a pastoral centre.

Recognised for his strategic thinking and innovative leadership, Keith has received multiple national awards, including Best Use of Digital Technology in the UK Charity Sector and Runner-up for Best Leader in the UK Charity Sector. His expertise would be a positive asset to our board.

"I believe in strategic thinking, strong governance, and making a positive impact which the charity is achieving. As a parishioner, and my wife previously serving on a Catholic Fellowship committee for 10 years, I understand the work of the Charity." Keith continues;

"My grandson of 5 lives with a disability so I understand the challenges of getting an EHCP plan or the support that's needed but, I recognise that some families are not as successful as us at getting this support, and that's where this charity is important in helping families."

When the board met Keith, his passion for social justice, volunteer-led organisations, and community support was evident. His extensive experience in governance, finance, and strategic transformation aligns closely with CFDN's mission, and we are confident that his expertise will help shape the future of the charity.

Ballot Vote

Reason: Appointment of Trustees

Please review the proposed Trustees for appointment overleaf and cast your vote by filling out this ballot below and returning via post or by voting online. We have multiple Trustee positions and therefore, a vote for each person is required. A full name must be present on the ballot to confirm current membership. Each current member has the ability to vote.

Instructions for Voting:

1. Postal Vote:

- Please mark your response clearly with an "X" in the appropriate box below.
- If multiple members are voting, place the number of votes in the relevant box and list the names of people voting or use multiple sheets.
- Return your ballot to: FAO Daniel Ruscoe, Lee Valley Campsite, Sewardstone Road, London, E47RA.

2. Online Vote:

- You may also cast your vote online by visiting: www.cfdn.org.uk/ballot-vote

Closing Date: All votes, whether cast by post or online, must be received by **WEDNESDAY 12TH MARCH at 5PM**. A majority of votes cast is required for this appointment to pass.

Postal Voting Ballot:

Member Name: _____

Membership Number (if Known): _____

<p>Do you agree with the appointment of KEITH FERNETT as a Trustee of the charity?</p>	<p>YES <input style="width: 40px; height: 30px;" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>NO <input style="width: 40px; height: 30px;" type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Do you agree with the appointment of CHUKA AGBASIERE as a Trustee of the charity?</p>	<p>YES <input style="width: 40px; height: 30px;" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>NO <input style="width: 40px; height: 30px;" type="checkbox"/></p>

Clearly put an 'x' in one of the boxes above that correspond to your vote.