

# TRUSTEE recruitment

**A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO BE  
A MEMBER OF OUR BOARD OF  
TRUSTEES AND JOIN  
AN ILLUSTRIOUS TRADITION.**



*Board Members with CEO  
and alumni*

*“Over the years, the Trust has evolved its geographical scope and areas of focus but has never wavered from its core mission of promoting a more open and just society in southern Africa.”*

Late Lord Joel Joffe, former Canon Collins Board Member and Human Rights Lawyer



## **What does the Canon Collins Trust do?**

The vision of the Trust is an open and just society in southern Africa. The Trust was born out of the anti-apartheid struggle and is now working towards the transformation of South Africa and neighbouring countries through the provision of postgraduate scholarships, the funding of events and the implementation of social justice projects. This unique approach cultivates a space where activism and research meet, creating a powerful driving force for social change.

Over 100 postgraduate scholarships are awarded each year. The Trust also partners with:

- the **Legal Resources Centre**, South Africa's largest human rights law firm offering free legal assistance to poor and marginalised people;
- **Equal Education**, a grassroots movement fighting for better schools and equality in the South African education system;
- **Wits Justice Project**, which uses journalism, advocacy and the law to challenge miscarriages of justice in the South African criminal justice system.

## **What is the Board?**

Canon Collins Educational & Legal Assistance Trust currently has 11 Trustees who give up their time and energy voluntarily to provide strategic direction and ensure that the Trust is compliant with the legal and statutory requirements of a UK charity and registered company. Four of the trustees are based in South Africa.

## **What kind of Trustees are wanted?**

We strive for a diverse gender and balanced Board and our current priorities include:

- female
- southern African background
- fundraising skills/experience

We are also interested in those with an academic or social justice background. Every applicant should have an up-to-date knowledge of southern African affairs, and we particularly encourage people who have been in receipt of a Canon Collins scholarship to apply.

## **What time commitment is required?**

The Board meets three times a year and it is expected that all Trustees attend. Papers are provided in advance of meetings to allow for preparation. In addition some trustees sit on sub-committees whose function is broadly to support the Chief Executive and other staff in specific areas like fundraising and finance.

## **What else should I consider?**

Anyone thinking of becoming a Trustee should be passionate about the work of the Trust, fully aware of the commitment they are making, and have energy. Please contact the CEO if you need any advice or clarification (telephone 020 3770 0395).

## **How to apply**

Please send your CV and a brief covering statement (about a page) explaining what you feel you could bring to the Trust as a member of the Board. Please email your documents to the CEO, [stuart@canoncollins.org.uk](mailto:stuart@canoncollins.org.uk) and we will respond promptly.

Alternatively you may post your details to: Canon Collins Trust, 17 Oval Way, London SE11 5RR

For further information please go to: [www.canoncollins.org.uk](http://www.canoncollins.org.uk)