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Great and Little Leighs Educational Charity

Trustee Vacancy

The Great and Little Leighs Educational Charity is seeking a new Trustee to represent the BFSS. We are a small charity which distributes educational grants to young people and organisations within Great and Little Leighs. We are looking for an individual with an educational background who lives locally to Great and Little Leighs, and would be prepared to attend twice yearly meetings and review grant applications (approximately 10-15 per year).

The charity's annual income of £11,000 is provided by a fund created when the building of the British School Great Leighs was sold. It is not therefore engaged in any fundraising activities. The charity is run by a Board of 7 Trustees, whose role is to ensure the charity complies with the regulations of the Charity Commission and its income is spent for public benefit by supporting the education of local young people.

Recent grants awarded have included: supporting the purchase of books, a laptop and specialist clothing for A-Level, college and university students; assisting Great Leighs County Primary School to enrich pupils' curriculum and build a sensory garden; contributing to the cost of new microscopes at Chelmer Valley High School; and helping Great Leighs Girls and Boys Brigade to purchase essential equipment.

The former British Schools are steeped in history and began with a visionary who wanted to maximise educational opportunity for all. Joseph Lancaster devised an innovative method of teaching which made it affordable for poorer families: by having the schoolmaster delegate basic teaching of younger children to older pupils, called monitors. He opened his first school in 1798, extended into teacher training and drew support from philanthropists who funded British Schools in the UK and internationally. When public education and teacher training became state-led the British School buildings were sold to create an income for local educational charities, including the Great and Little Leighs Educational Charity, and the British and Foreign School Society (BFSS). All the charities have continued to support Lancaster's vision to maximise educational opportunity for all by awarding grants to support the education of tens of thousands of young people each year.

The Great and Little Leighs Educational Charity continues to have a strong allegiance to the British and Foreign School Society. The new Trustee would therefore be expected to also become a Member of BFSS, and become the BFSS representative on the Board of the Great and Little Leighs Educational Charity.

If you would like to be considered for this Trustee vacancy or would like to find out more about the opportunity, please contact the Chairman Bob Rust on 07702401073 for an informal discussion.

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