

Board Trustee *(Volunteer position: expenses only)*

Organisational Overview

The Leprosy Mission Northern Ireland (TLM NI) is a Christian development organisation that works to cure, care for and restore leprosy affected people, families and communities. As part of a global organisation, we work in more than 30 countries world-wide and are the largest player in the global fight against leprosy. Our vision is a world where leprosy is defeated, and lives are transformed.

We work with people of all faiths and none to bring about the defeat of leprosy and transformation in the lives of people affected, partnering with the local Christian church and other stakeholders such as our valued supporters and local, national and international governments. Most importantly, we work with people and communities affected by leprosy, giving them a voice so that what we do is always led by them. Leprosy can affect anyone regardless of age, gender, nationality, class or religion. However, its severest impact is on people who are marginalised or living in poverty, and it these people, often stigmatized and left dealing with disability, that we most seek to serve.

Every 2 minutes someone is diagnosed with leprosy and millions more go undiagnosed every year. 1 in 10 people diagnosed with leprosy is a child. Leprosy is not simply an affliction from olden times; it is a 21st century disease, devastating the lives of people across the globe. It is an injustice.

Following the example of Jesus Christ, The Leprosy Mission (TLM) strives to bring about transformation; breaking the chains of leprosy, empowering people to attain healing, dignity and life in all its fullness. Because we follow Jesus Christ, we value Compassion, Justice, Integrity, Inclusion and Humility. We seek to do everything we can so that children can be born into a world without being at risk of leprosy because it is no longer being transmitted; anybody affected by leprosy can enjoy fullness of life; and there is inclusion, and not discrimination, for people affected by leprosy.

Looking Ahead and Moving Forward to See an End to Leprosy

Globally, we have an ambitious targeted goal of Zero Leprosy Transmission by 2035 which links with our two other focus areas, working towards Zero Leprosy Disability and Zero Leprosy Discrimination. TLMNI, alongside other TLM members, is a key player in enabling the achievement of our global goals. As well as investing in TLM activities that will help stop leprosy transmission, we currently partner with 6 countries in Africa and Asia, raising funds and developing partner capacity to provide life-changing healthcare, training and employment opportunities for people who have been excluded and rejected. We also support advocacy efforts on behalf of people affected by leprosy at a local and global level.

In Northern Ireland we seek to raise awareness and funds in support of our global partners to help see an end to leprosy. To effectively play our part to realise our global vision, TLMNI has three Strategic Priorities:

- **ENGAGE:** Increase awareness about this cruel disease
- **ENABLE:** Increase funds that will enable positive transformational change in the lives of those affected by leprosy, and ultimately see an end to the disease in our lifetime
- **EXCEL:** Deliver all our activities to the highest ethical and professional organisational standards

You can read more about our Strategy for Growth 2021-25, *It's Time to Make Leprosy a Thing of the Past* here <https://www.tlm-ni.org/what-we-do/about-us>

We currently have a dedicated team of 6 employees and over 200 volunteers.

TLMNI is seeking three passionate and committed individuals to join the current Board of Trustees. We are particularly interested in hearing from candidates who have the skills and experience in one of the following areas as well as generalist skills that would enhance the role of the Board:

- Fundraising (Individual Giving & Donor Development)
- International Development

Board Trustees are expected to attend four Board Meetings per annum (normally a Monday evening). In addition Board Trustees may be invited to join a sub-Committee or represent TLMNI occasionally at a special event. Meetings are currently held online (due to social distancing restrictions in place). When a return to in person meetings occur, it is envisaged that Board meetings will be held in the TLMNI offices in Lisburn. TLMNI is an explicitly Christian charity, and part of your role as a Trustee will be to represent the Mission's purpose and ethos to external audiences, provide Christian leadership and inspire Churches and individual Christians to pray for and support the Mission's work.

To register your interest in joining the Board, please contact the National Director, Joanne Briggs on 028 9262 9500 or via email, joanne@tlm-ni.org. If interested, an informal meeting can be arranged with the Director or a Trustee to find out more. A formal discussion with a subgroup will be a part of the selection process. Expression of Interest forms, information on the role of a trustee and the work of TLM can also be found on our website, www.tlm-ni.org

The Leprosy Mission has a zero-tolerance towards any abuse, neglect and exploitation to all people. All Board Trustees will be expected to sign and comply with the Global Safeguarding Code of Conduct and the Global Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults policy.

The Leprosy Mission Northern Ireland is committed to equal opportunities and welcomes interest from appropriately qualified people from all sections of the community. Qualified people living with a disability are particularly encouraged to apply.