



Charity Trustee – Racing to School (Education charity)

Are you an experienced education professional with a passion for inspiring young people beyond the classroom?

Have you ever considered using your expertise at Board level to influence education, careers, and life chances on a national scale?

Racing to School is seeking a **Trustee with an Education background** to join its Board and help shape the future of an ambitious, high-impact charity working across a national sport

About Racing to School

Racing to School (Charity No. 1040590) is a well-established, community charity that has been inspiring young minds since 2001.

We deliver **free, interactive, outdoor educational programmes** at horseracing venues across GB, supporting young people:

- Experience curriculum learning in real-world settings
- Develop ambition, confidence, and broader life skills
- Understand careers and pathways within and beyond horseracing

Our programmes support learners of all abilities and backgrounds, and participation levels reached record highs in recent years.

Racing to School also leads **Racing Together**, a national partnership showcasing and celebrating community initiatives across the sport.

The Role: Trustee (Education)

We are particularly keen to hear from **current or former Headteachers, senior leaders, or experienced education practitioners** who can bring strategic insight to our Board.

This role plays a key part in:

- Providing governance and challenge

- Championing high-quality educational experiences
- Supporting the charity's leadership team as it evolves and grows
- Liaising as a member of the external Teachers Advisory Group

You will work collaboratively with fellow Trustees and the charity's executive team to ensure Racing to School continues to deliver meaningful, relevant impact for young people and wider communities nationwide.

Who We're Looking For

You may be a strong fit if you:

- Are **well-established in your education setting**, with the capacity to attend Trustee meetings and observe programmes in action
- Believe education should prepare young people for **life, work, and adulthood**, not just examinations
- Value **learning outside the classroom** and curriculum enrichment
- Care deeply about **careers education, aspiration, and lifelong ambition**, aligned with frameworks such as the Gatsby Benchmarks
- Recognise that success cannot be measured solely by narrow academic outcomes or inspection grades
- Champion **distributed leadership**, professional development, and empowering teams

Knowledge of horseracing or the wider industry is **helpful but not essential** — curiosity and openness matter far more.

Time Commitment & Practical Details

- **Meetings:** Four main Board meetings per year
- **Additional involvement:** Optional sub-committees or working groups
- **Location:** Hybrid — meetings are virtual and in-person (including London); Trustees are encouraged to visit programmes at racecourses
- **Term:** Minimum of three years (up to a maximum of three terms)
- **Remuneration:** This is a voluntary role; reasonable travel expenses may be claimed

No previous Trustee experience is required — training and support will be provided.

Why Become a Trustee?

- Influence education and careers on a **national platform**
 - Use your expertise in a **new, strategic way**
 - Support a charity with a strong reputation and clear purpose
 - Join a passionate, collaborative Board making a real difference
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How to Apply

Please send:

- Your **CV**, and
- A **short statement (up to 400 words)** explaining your interest and suitability against the requirements of the role

Email to: **recruitment@britishhorseracing.com**

Subject line: *RACING TO SCHOOL TRUSTEE APPLICATION*

Closing date: Wednesday 10 June 2026

Interviews / Initial conversations:

For an informal discussion about the role, please contact the Chief Executive, John Blake:

 john@racingtoschool.co.uk