



## Message from the Chair

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Thank you for considering the opportunity to become a Trustee for the newly independent Smallshaw-Hurst Children's Community (SSH CC), a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. We deeply value your interest in joining our Board and contributing to our mission.

SSH CC is based in Ashton-Under-Lyne and built upon seven years of dedicated partnership with Save the Children UK (SCUK). Together, we have driven systemic change, building a resilient community that supports children, young people, and families to thrive. Now, at this exciting phase in our journey, we are transitioning from an initiative incubated within SCUK to becoming an independent charity.

As a CIO, we will maintain a strong partnership with SCUK, which has committed to underwriting our costs for the next five years. This partnership ensures financial stability while allowing us to embrace greater local accountability and amplify our voice nationally. By sharing our learning and best practices, SSH CC serves as a blueprint for how large NGOs can effectively support grassroots organisations to create sustainable, long-lasting impacts.

Our mission remains unwavering: to empower every child and young person in Smallshaw-Hurst to reach their potential. Guided by our "cradle to career" model, our 2024-2027 strategy prioritises early learning, parental engagement, fostering aspirations, and improving health and well-being. By placing lived experiences at the heart of our work, we ensure our approach is truly community-driven and responsive to local needs.

Joining our Board of Trustees at this pivotal moment is an opportunity to play a vital role in shaping the future of SSH CC. Your expertise, experience, and passion will help drive our vision forward, enhancing our impact both locally and nationally.

As a Trustee, you will be part of a dynamic and dedicated team committed to tackling poverty and building brighter futures for children and families. This is a chance to make a tangible difference, to contribute to a model of local and national collaboration, and to leave a legacy of sustainable change.

We look forward to receiving your CV and cover letter and to welcoming you as a valued member of our team.

Yours sincerely

**Anton McGrath**

**Chair of Trustees, Smallshaw-Hurst Children's Community**

