**Voluntary Board member**

Second Step is a leading mental health charity in the South West providing support, housing and hope to people across the West of England and Somerset. We promote mental health and wellbeing by supporting people and communities to build brighter futures.

Our voluntary Board member opportunities are exciting and influential roles within Second Step. Our Board vacancies provide strategic guidance in accordance with our vision, aims and values. The role of a Board member can be demanding at times, but it is always incredibly rewarding. These are great opportunities for people keen to offer their skills and experience to make a real contribution to a vibrant and growing not for profit organisation.

We hope that the information on our website [www.second-step.co.uk/volunteer/join-our-board](http://www.second-step.co.uk/volunteer/join-our-board) will give you a feel for our amazing organisation and a sense of what a great time this is to be joining us.

Our roots are in Bristol, where we have worked for 30+ years, now our reach is across the West of England and Somerset, with ambitions further afield. We support more than 1,000 people at any one time. We form strong, collaborative relationships with the people who use our services, supporting them through difficult times and helping them discover new ways to become more independent and resilient.

We are looking for additional Board members to add to the skills and experience mix of our Board. Second Step celebrates diversity and values equal opportunity and we will be delighted to attract applicants who will add to the diversity of our Board. We don’t mind if you haven’t got a background in the mental health sector as long as you share our vision and can show you’re ready, willing and able to make a positive and lasting contribution to the leadership of Second Step.

We are also seeking applicants with leadership or non-executive experience in mental health and/or commissioning and delivering services in health and social care and we are particularly keen to recruit someone who has a good understanding of the Somerset social care/mental health landscape.

**If you would appreciate an informal discussion or require any further information, please contact Sue Manning, Forest HR, who is supporting us with this recruitment, on 07939 269612 or talent@foresthr.co.uk.**

**Second Step is committed to equal opportunities and welcomes applicants from all sections of the community. We also welcome applications from people who have personal experience of using mental health services.**