

Athina Summerbell

Why should WCVA's members vote for me to be a Trustee?

I believe in the power of bold ideas and diverse perspectives, and I'm committed to helping WCVA exceed its goals. With my background and passion for the sector, I'm ready to contribute to WCVA's mission and help build a stronger, more inclusive Wales. I'm thrilled about the opportunity to join WCVA as a trustee because I've seen firsthand how powerful the third sector can be in transforming lives - starting with my own.

Growing up in an ex- mining village in the Gwendraeth Valley, I was fortunate to be supported by organisations like Girl Guiding, which opened doors for me and taught me invaluable life skills. These experiences instilled in me a deep sense of community and a belief that real change happens when you roll up your sleeves and make it happen.

As Head of Communications, Engagement, and Policy at the Welsh Refugee Council, I bring a proven track record of innovative problem- solving and strategic thinking. I've led teams, secured vital funding, and built strategic partnerships - all focused on creating lasting impact. I am passionate about ensuring the sector is taken seriously, equitably funded, and meaningfully supported.

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