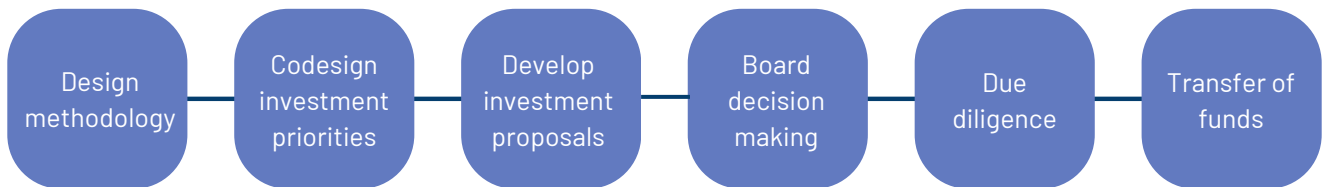


# Core Group Member Role Description

## Overall purpose of the role

The Summerfield Charitable Trust and Gloucestershire VCS Alliance have established a partnership to identify investment opportunities that will benefit the people of Gloucestershire. This work is underpinned by The Summerfield Charitable Trust Investment Strategy which describes a set of investment principles and themes and an outline methodology for undertaking the work.

Core Group members are collectively responsible for working with Gloucestershire VCS Alliance and Gloucestershire communities to implement the Investment Strategy. The Core Group will develop and oversee the implementation of a methodology for engaging with communities to identify investment priorities at a more granular level. These will be the basis of detailed investment proposals for consideration by the board of The Summerfield Charitable Trust.



The final decision for all investments rests with The Summerfield Charitable Trust. Once a proposal has been agreed there will be a due diligence phase prior to the transfer of funds, which will be either directly to a delivery organisation or to an agreed fiscal host. Following the transfer of funds, the delivery phase will begin.

The bulk of the work of the Core Group will be in the development of the investment proposals which we anticipate will take place over the coming 12-18 months. Therefore, we are initially looking for an 18-month commitment.

However, we anticipate that some strands of the project will run for up to 5 years and so welcome applications from individuals who may be interested in a longer-term involvement, with a lower time commitment after the initial phase.

There is absolutely no guarantee that organisations represented on the Core Group will receive investment funding.

This is a voluntary role.

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## Investment principles and themes

**Our Central Proposition:** Investments will support community cohesion and be determined by what communities want and need for connection, autonomy and resilience.

Within this proposition, we have developed the following principles:

- Investments will break the paradigm of benevolence, short-term handouts and seeing people as problems to be fixed.
- Investments will role-model emerging good practice in funding.
- Investments will support the sustainability of the sector rather than offer short-term fixes.
- Investments will impact a large number of the population and will serve to increase or widen participation.
- We will explore and take into account opportunities to amplify the impact of any investment through match funding and/or a trusted existing delivery route.

Investments will focus on the following themes:

- **A connected society:** interventions that build and strengthen social networks.
- **Children and families:** creating VCSE sector capacity to support families with children under the age of 5.
- **Aging well:** developing locality-based supports that enable older people to live a 'good life'.
- **Arts and culture:** threading creativity, arts and culture throughout the other themes in a way that widens access and increases participation.
- **Action for nature and climate:** investment in specific projects that enable communities to take action for nature or foster collective and individual behaviours that reduce the use of carbon.
- **VCSE infrastructure:** developing the infrastructure – both buildings and organisational support – that will enable the sector to innovate and thrive.

## Responsibilities

- Contribute to the overall leadership and development of the project.
- Provide expertise and local insight in relation to at least one investment theme.
- Use established networks to support the project team to reach into communities.
- Co-design investment proposals with communities and with the VCSE sector; this includes working with Gloucestershire VCS Alliance to design and deliver engagement events.
- Work with Gloucestershire VCS Alliance to draw the investment ideas and proposals from communities together into coherent propositions.
- Consider final investment recommendations, including fund allocations and mechanisms for how funds are held and distributed, prior to presentation to The Summerfield Charitable Trust.
- Contribute to shared learning about our emerging methodology for distributing funds.

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## Time commitment

The estimated time commitment for this role is 8 hours per month.

## Knowledge, skills and experience

A willingness to set aside organisational and personal interests and to focus on the priorities articulated by communities and the wider VCSE sector.	Essential
A deep connection with and understanding of the communities of Gloucestershire, their assets, strengths and the challenges they face.	Essential
Ability to take a county-wide view.	Essential
Strategic leadership experience in the VCSE sector that equips you to lead in one of the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A connected society</li><li>• Children and families</li><li>• Aging well</li><li>• Arts and culture</li><li>• Action for nature and climate</li></ul>	Preferable
Ability to establish credibility and maintain relationships with colleagues, from front line staff to senior stakeholders, and community members. Excellent relationship building skills.	Essential
Able to listen to the multiplicity of voices within communities, communicate with tact and sensitivity and build consensus.	Preferable
Strategic problem-solving skills, entrepreneurial and open to ideas and opportunities.	Essential
Ability to interpret complex information and apply this to develop coherent proposals.	Essential

## Timeframes

Closing date: 5pm 3 May 2024. Selection date: 15 May 2024.