



TRUSTEE ELECTION

One person is standing for election as a Trustee.

JANETTE GREY

JOSEPH ROWNTREE HOUSING TRUST

Janette is applying as a new Trustee.

Personal statement from Janette:

Firstly, I love our beautiful city and its residents - I am a Yorkie and grew up in Clifton. Secondly, I would like the opportunity to understand and influence more of the actions that can help our residents live well and even thrive. I am aware that this is through effective strategic planning and action. This will be my first adventure into being a trustee, but I am a very keen learner.

Following a 34-year career in primary education (in and around York), my present role is as a Grants Officer at Joseph Rowntree Housing Trust. This is through a highly competitive twelve-month 2027 grant making and leadership programme. I have also partnered with Two Ridings Community Foundation and York's Cultural Commission. However, I still have a heart for young people.

Throughout the past year, I have collaborated with York CVS and have realised the breadth and influence you have, and I would like the opportunity to be part of the team. I have also built up meaningful relationships with individuals, community and social enterprise groups within York, leading to me becoming a trusted go-to person for support and advice.

When reading the CVS Information Pack, I was struck by the fact that you 'take steps to make positive change, challenge issues and grow new ideas which strengthen communities.' This is because I chose, a long time ago, to live my everyday life like this - through being aware and open to opportunities that benefit the people around me and through the many projects and campaigns I have led.

The York CVS Key Areas and Priorities are where I feel I can make a contribution from my own life experiences for the benefit of York and the people within it.

I bring to all my new ventures a heart for the vulnerable, a love of life-long learning and social justice. These are with a strong track record of pro-actively developing change-making projects and my own lived experience of poverty and domestic violence. I am now seeking a way in which I can utilise my passion for social change, my meticulous organisational skills, practical adaptability, reliability and my sense of fun.

Proposer: Richard Sorton, Community Solutions Manager,
Joseph Rowntree Housing Trust

Seconder: David Harbourne, Chair of Trustees, York CVS