

## Letter from Chair of Trustees

Thank you for your interest in joining the Trustee Board of the Unite Foundation.

We are very proud of our work and the difference it makes to young people who are care experienced, or estranged from their families. Data published as part of our 10th anniversary shows the positive impact our scholarships makes to the students who receive them. However, we are ambitious to do more and to reach a greater number of students. Having a thriving Board with the right composition of experience and skills underpins our ambitions.

The Board has worked hard over recent years to strengthen our governance, develop our first five year strategy and increase the number of students that we support, both directly through our scholarships as well as more broadly through our community and our wider policy and advocacy work.

As we move forward we maintain the strength of our board and ensure we have a diverse team to oversee our future with confidence. We have space to bring one new Trustee onto our Board. We must ensure our Board has an appropriate range of skills and experience and we are looking for an individual who can enhance the broad range of perspectives the existing Trustees bring to our work.

To ensure we have a diverse and inclusive Board with different perspectives, we especially welcome applications from a wide range of backgrounds, particularly from Black, Asian and minority ethnic communities, and individuals who have lived experience as care leavers or are estranged from their families as these characteristics are currently under-represented on the Board.

If you share our vision, and believe you have the skills, experience and qualities we are seeking, I very much hope you will be interested in joining us and being part of our exciting future to drive the work forward of the Unite Foundation. I look forward to seeing what we will achieve together in the future.

**Shân Wareing**  
Chair