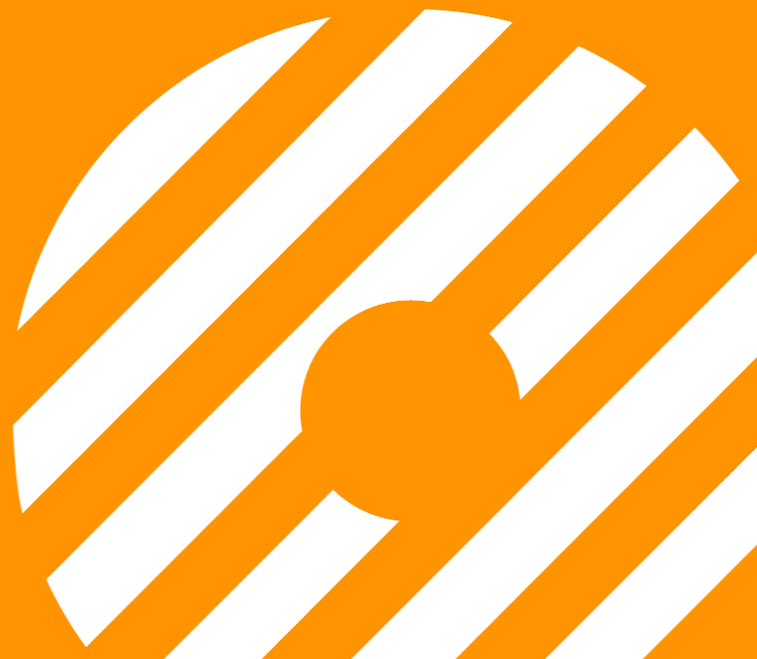




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'a space' arts is a visual arts organisation that supports and inspires artists, audiences and communities through an ambitious programme of exhibitions, artist resources, opportunities, and by culturally reanimating lost spaces with arts and heritage.

Overview

The charity A space: growing creative communities Ltd trading as 'a space' arts (ASA) is at an exciting time of its evolution having recently secured new grant funding across 2023-2026 from Arts Council England, National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF) and Southampton Forward. We are at the early stages of implementing a new business plan focused on balancing cultural activity with commercial ambitions to increase earned income across our projects including the RIBA award winning God's House Tower (GHT). Early signs of success give us a platform to build upon and the next three years are an exciting and a seminal period for the organisation; this is a great moment to join our team.

The organisation's current project portfolio includes GHT, the Arches Studios home to 21 visual artists, a bespoke programme of Artist Resource activities, and the innovative RIPE graduate programme based in Old Northam Road - see our websites for further information:
aspacearts.org.uk / godshousetower.org.uk / ripesouthampton.org.uk

The Current Board

The board meets quarterly (4 times a year) along with an AGM and an annual trustee/staff social, with meetings held on zoom and sometimes in person. The board is currently led by our Chair Annie Reilly. There are 6 Trustees in total. All Board members are committed to the future of the organisation and collectively bring their respective skills and expertise to attain the charity's mission.

The current collective skillset is broad with a range of experiences that we are now looking to complement and build upon, as we seek a candidate for the Treasurer role on our Board.

Value exchange

All Board roles are voluntary and we recognise and appreciate the commitment of each member. We want to offer an exchange and bring non-financial benefits to our Trustees by helping you to develop your CV or build confidence, and provide a space where you can learn from other professionals on the Board.

Person specification

The following characteristics, knowledge and experiences (or commitment to gaining them) would be advantageous to the role of a charity Trustee. These include:

- A high level of interest in the work of the charity.
- A commitment to the values and principles of the charity.
- Broad life experience and a willingness to be open and share.
- Good interpersonal and communication skills.
- Ability to understand, critically assess, analyse and resolve problems.
- Sound independent judgement and diplomacy.
- Understanding and acceptance of the legal duties, liabilities and responsibilities of Trustees.
- Knowledge of charity governance or willingness to learn.

- Quarterly meetings and additional meetings for subgroups if needed.
- Ability to listen to and welcome alternative opinions.

Additional Information about being a Trustee

Collective responsibility

Trustees provide their services on a voluntary basis however reasonable expenses will be refunded where appropriate and agreed. All trustees are collectively responsible for the decisions and governance of the charity. This does not mean that all trustees have to agree on every matter they make a decision on, but all trustees have a duty to actively participate in the decision-making process.

Statutory duties

The following summary of a Trustees legal duties are stated in the Charities Act 2011. As a trustee your personal liabilities are limited with the main duties under charity law including:

- Ensure the charity is carrying out its purposes for the public benefit.
- Comply with the charity's governing document and the law.
- Act in the charity's best interests.
- Manage the charity's resources responsibly.
- Act with reasonable care and skill.
- Ensure the charity is accountable.

Companies Act 2006

A Trustee is referred to as a director in company law and their main duties are to:

- To act within the directors' powers.
- To promote the success of the company and to act in good faith.
- To exercise independent judgement.
- To exercise reasonable care, skill and diligence.
- To avoid conflicts of interest.
- Not to accept benefits from third parties.
- To declare interest in proposed transactions or arrangements.

How to become a Trustee

If you would like to apply to join our Board of Trustees as a Treasurer, we invite you to email our Finance Manager kalleesha@spacearts.org.uk with your CV and a short covering letter outlining your motivations to join the board at this time; what you hope to bring to the role; and what you hope to get from the role. Or please feel free to email if you would like to enquire about the role further prior to sending in an application.