

Dulwich Festival Trustee Role Description



Role and Responsibility:

Dulwich Festival is an annual arts celebration taking place over 10 days in May. It attracts over 50,000 visitors, 300 artists and 500 performers. The festival aims to be a catalyst for creative opportunities, nurturing a thriving and inclusive community, with a commitment to valuing Dulwich and our environment sustainably over time.

We are seeking up to 4 inspiring new trustees to join our board. The main trustee responsibilities are in supporting and overseeing the Director and the team who run the festival, along with the company financials, policies and other ad hoc initiatives.

All trustees must:

- Act in the charity's best interest
- Manage the charity's resources responsibly
- Act with reasonable care and skill
- Ensure the charity complies with statutory accounting and reporting requirements

We are a Charitable Incorporated Organisation structure (which limits liability to third parties). Legal responsibilities of trustees are listed [here](#).

Skills & Interests:

The ideal candidates will bring experience in, or at least enthusiasm and passion for the arts, together with the highest standards of corporate governance. Previous trustee experience is not essential in all applicants.

We anticipate all our trustees to live in or adjacent to Dulwich, or at least to have some connection to the community locally.

We welcome applications from persons of all backgrounds and are glad to provide support to facilitate participation if necessary.

Commitment:

Trustees meet approximately 6 times a year.

We welcome trustees who are willing to be a part of the festival team at events, and are likely to have some availability that week to support in person. This year Dulwich Festival takes place from 9th - 18th May. There are some other ad hoc launch events outside of that week which Trustees are encouraged to attend and support, though this is not essential.

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Appointment will be for a 3 year period made by recommendation of the interview panel, and voted by the board on a simple majority basis. Re-appointments after 3 years will be voted by the board, again on a simple majority basis.

Remuneration:

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