



We're Recruiting Chair of Trustees

Do you believe in the power of the arts to bring people together?

Are you ready to lead a creative, community-focused charity into its next chapter?

We're looking for a strategic, compassionate leader to join us as Chair of Trustees.

About Us

Cartwheel Arts is a National Portfolio organisation supported by Arts Council England-funded, with over 40 years' experience of delivering Art for a Reason.

Your Role

- ❑ Lead with vision, equity, and inclusion
- ❑ Support our team and champion our mission
- ❑ Connect with local leaders and communities
- ❑ Shape inclusive, impactful arts programmes

Your Skills

- ❑ Leadership experience in a relevant field, eg. arts, health, voluntary or public/charity sectors
- ❑ Commitment to diversity, collaboration, and social justice
- ❑ Knowledge of Greater Manchester's communities

Approx. 15 hrs/month | Voluntary (expenses paid)

Apply by: Thursday 16th October, 5pm

Details & form: www.cartwheelarts.org.uk/about-us/

Informal chats welcome!

Help shape a bold, creative future.





As our current Chair, Alyson Malach, steps down, we're seeking a new leader to guide Cartwheel Arts into its next chapter - someone with heart, vision, and a deep commitment to equity and community. Join Cartwheel Arts as Chair of Trustees and help us shape a vibrant, inclusive future.

Who we are

Cartwheel Arts is a National Portfolio Organisation supported by Arts Council England. For over 40 years we've championed community-led, participatory arts projects, from the Darnhill Festival to Crafting Heritage, wellbeing, creative writing and regeneration.

We co-create inclusive artistic opportunities with diverse communities that enhance wellbeing and celebrate culture and heritage.

We call this Art for a Reason.

Our vision is for a world where everyone has access and opportunities to create, participate and belong.

Your Role

As Chair of Cartwheel Arts, you will:

- ❑ Provide strategic leadership grounded in lived experience, equity, and social justice.
- ❑ Champion inclusive practice and anti-discrimination, acting as a visible role model.
- ❑ Lead and inspire a diverse Board, fostering courageous conversations and shared leadership.
- ❑ Collaborate closely with the CEO, Managing Director, and staff to support impactful programmes.
- ❑ Use your networks to connect with local leaders, funders, and grassroots communities across Rochdale and Greater Manchester.
- ❑ Promote access to the arts, influence through action, and help shape Cartwheel's story.

Your Impact

Under your leadership, Cartwheel Arts will thrive - building diverse partnerships, securing vital funding, and deepening community engagement.

What We're Looking For

We're seeking a Chair who will continue the work of our current Chair and lead with clarity, compassion, and strategic purpose. You will:

- ❖ Understand the diverse communities of Heywood, Rochdale, Middleton, the Pennines, and Greater Manchester.
- ❖ Bring strategic leadership experience in sectors such as arts, health, social care, or the charity/public sector.
- ❖ Prioritise equity and actively challenge discrimination.
- ❖ Have strong networks with civic, cultural, and community partners.
- ❖ Thrive in collaborative work with artists, funders, schools, health, and housing sectors

What you will gain

In return, you'll lead a dedicated and professional organisation, working with a passionate board and staff team committed to excellence, collaboration, and continuous improvement.

Time Commitment

Commitments:

- ❖ 4 x Quarterly Board Meetings each year (3 online & 1 in person, in Rochdale)
- ❖ Up to 8 Task Group Meetings each year (quarterly, usually online, max 60 minutes)
- ❖ 1 x Full Board Away Day each year (usually a Saturday, in person)
- ❖ Regular supervision and contact with the leadership team (exact format to be agreed)
- ❖ Attending other meetings, public events, interview panels and training when necessary
- ❖ The hours of the Chair role will vary but we expect the commitment to be approx. 15 hours per month.
- ❖ Remuneration
- ❖ Remuneration: Voluntary (reasonable travel & other expenses reimbursed)

Join us

Use your leadership, insight, and passion to elevate arts, equity, and wellbeing in our communities - and help shape Cartwheel's future.

Application Process



To apply for this opportunity, please visit www.cartwheelarts.org.uk/make-a-difference/volunteer/
If you would like the information in an accessible format or help completing the application form, please contact Molly on 01706 361300 or admin@cartwheelarts.org.uk

Deadline for Applications: Thursday 16th October at 5pm

Interviews will take place in **October** on either **Monday 27, Wednesday 29, Thursday 30 or Friday 31** (daytime only). There will be space on the application form to indicate your preference for an interview slot.

Induction Period:

The successful candidate will be invited to join the current Trustees & Staff Team for an informal lunch during our scheduled Away Day on Saturday 1st November, if they are available.

A 3-month induction period with the current Chair will then commence, exact dates to be agreed.

For an informal conversation about the role, please contact:

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We welcome applications from people of all backgrounds and lived experiences. If you're excited by this opportunity but unsure if you meet every requirement, we'd still love to hear from you.

