



**Arts & Heritage Alliance of Milton Keynes**

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## **AHA-MK Trustee Board Member Role**

### **Introduction**

A vibrant cultural offer lies at the heart of successful cities today. With Milton Keynes as one of the fastest growing cities in the UK and now bidding for European Capital of Culture 2023, the need for cultural guardianship within the city has never been greater. To fulfil this need, The Arts & Heritage Alliance Milton Keynes (AHA-MK) is seeking new Trustee Board members who share the organisation's cultural ambitions for Milton Keynes.

AHA-MK seeks individuals, who are passionate about arts and heritage, to support our growing membership organisation in its remit to champion the rich heritage and the creative future of Milton Keynes.

Formed in 2003, AHA-MK has developed significantly in size and scope since its early days into a strategic forum with 38 member organisations. In 2014, we registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. Our members are all contributing to the vibrant cultural landscape of Milton Keynes and actively engage with AHA-MK activity through meetings, continuing professional development and collaborative projects.

Our core values are to work collaboratively to represent, promote and develop our members, and to provide the cultural leadership that will make a major contribution to the Milton Keynes bid for European Capital of Culture 2023. We deliver these values through activity organised under three themes:

1. Inspiration
2. Partnership
3. Diversity

### **The role**

AHA-MK board members:

- Act as AHA-MK ambassadors and City-makers, promoting the cultural identity of Milton Keynes and the achievements of AHA-MK and its arts and heritage member organisations, respecting and upholding the reputation and values of AHA-MK
- Are collectively responsible for AHA-MK, upholding its values, setting its strategic direction and policies, defining its goals and targets, and evaluating its performance
- Ensure AHA-MK pursues its objectives as defined in its Strategic Plan, and complies with its policies, governing document, company and charity law, and any other relevant legislation or regulations.
- Are responsible for the financial and legal stability of the organisation, ensuring effective and efficient administration, applying its resources exclusively in pursuance of its objectives, protecting and managing its property, and ensuring the proper investment of its funds



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- Work collaboratively to appoint employees and volunteers, and support and monitor each other's work.

**The commitment**

- AHA-MK Board of Trustees meets four times a year
- In addition to the statutory role, trustees use their specific knowledge or experience to help AHA-MK board of trustees reach sound decisions by:
  - Scrutinising board papers
  - Focusing on key issues
  - Providing their special expertise to lead discussions, advise and guide on new initiatives and issues relevant to AHA-MK's work
  - Attending occasional sub-committee meetings.

**The candidate**

This role would suit:

- Those with skills in:
  - Strategy and big picture thinking
  - Public relations, demonstrating the value and impact of culture
  - Organisational development
  - Developing partnerships beyond the cultural sector
- Those with:
  - A commitment to the organisation and its arts and heritage objectives
  - An ability to think creatively and with good, independent judgement
  - An understanding and acceptance of the legal duties, responsibilities and liabilities of trusteeship
  - A willingness to devote the necessary time and effort to the role as trustee.

**Expression of interest**

To express your interest in this role please email your CV and an expression of interest outlining how you feel you can support AHA-MK to Lallie: [aha-mk@milton-keynes.gov.uk](mailto:aha-mk@milton-keynes.gov.uk)