



## ARTS GATEWAY MK IS RECRUITING TRUSTEES

### [About Us](#)

AGMK nurtures and promotes the creative arts in Milton Keynes. We provide workspaces to artists, makers and performers; networking events; workshops; and spaces to exhibit, perform and celebrate work. Our mission is to create a creatively dynamic city that embraces artists and is seen by the public as a place for artistic play.

AGMK is an organisation with several discrete elements operating more and less under its aegis. It includes:

- AGMK itself - the main arts development organisation
- Arts Central - the brand name under which AGMK rents out artists' studios
- MK LitFest - the annual literary festival, a project in which AGMK is the project manager and leads a partnership of others.

We also house the Community Arts Resource Centre (CARC) which operates the equipment hire business through its rented studio at Burners Lane. CARC is separate from AGMK - it was incorporated as a CIC limited by guarantee in 2009 - but is closely associated with us.

AGMK operates as a company limited by guarantee with charitable status and was incorporated in May 2008 and registered with the Charity Commission at the same time.

### [Trustee Recruitment](#)

We are now looking to recruit several additional trustees to our board, to bring skills, knowledge and connections where we need them, and to bring further innovation and fresh thinking to the team who have helped it prosper so far.

Trustees provide the oversight and governance for the charity which includes a 60-artists studio complex; part-time staff team; grants from MK Community Foundation, MK Council and Arts Council England.

AGMK delivers social, cultural, educational and economic benefits for Milton Keynes and the central England area, bringing together artists of all kinds within a charitable and not-for-profit framework, providing a supportive,

challenging and inspirational programme of support and creative development.

Over the past 8 months we have undertaken an organisational development programme and adopted a new fundraising strategy which we are now ready to implement.

Following our recent skills audit, we are particularly looking for people who can help AGMK with some specific skills and knowledge:

- Digital media production and distribution industries
- Links with creative technology companies
- Education, social inclusion, equality and diversity
- Business Development & Fundraising

We are also looking for someone to lead the team overseeing MK LitFest.

We would like the board to have a wider representation of the diversity of our city, and a somewhat younger age profile.

The board holds monthly meetings and trustees take part in task-and-finish working groups when specific issues arise that need more intensive consideration.

### [How to Apply](#)

Our recruitment process is transparent and straightforward. If you would like to step forward and offer your involvement, we will invite you to write a short statement of your interest in AGMK, your career, skills and connections, and how you think you can contribute to our further success.

Our Recruitment Committee will shortlist and interview candidates.

Candidates will then be invited to join the board, or to take an observer role with a view to full trusteeship later on.

We are also recruiting for a potential chair who could take that position when the current chair stands down in late 2021. If you are interested in this role, please do let reference it in your email.

If you would like to suggest someone, or to propose yourself, as a potential board member, please contact [john.best@artsgatewaymk.org.uk](mailto:john.best@artsgatewaymk.org.uk) for an informal discussion.