

## ARTS GATEWAY MK IS RECRUITING TRUSTEES

### About Us

AGMK nurtures and promotes the creative arts in Milton Keynes. In our premises in the west side of Milton Keynes, we provide over 70 workspaces to artists, makers and performers. We have just completed the construction of a new accessible public space which will be used to exhibit, perform, educate and celebrate creative work.

Our organisation has several discrete elements operating more and less under its aegis:

- 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.

There is more about us on our website at: <https://www.artsgatewaymk.org/>

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 increase the size of our Board, to bring additional skills, knowledge and connections and 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 70+ artists studio complex; part-time staff team; grants including from MK Community Foundation, MK Council, Arts Council England.

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

- Marketing and communications, including the use of digital media;
- Programming or Producing in any artform

We want the Board to have a wider representation of the diversity of our city, and a somewhat younger age profile. We are particularly interested in hearing from people of colour and individuals from the LGBTQIA+ community as well as professionals in the early stages of their careers. You do not need prior Trustee experience.

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

The formal Trustee role description is on our website here:

<https://www.artsgatewaymk.org/become-a-trustee-2022/>

### [How to Apply](#)

Our recruitment process is transparent and straightforward. If you are interested, please contact [john.best@artsgatewaymk.org.uk](mailto:john.best@artsgatewaymk.org.uk) for an informal discussion and to arrange a visit to see round our premises in Burners Lane and meet some of our resident artists.

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.