

Trustee Recruitment Call – Coventry Artspace

Coventry Artspace is at a pivotal moment in its journey. As a long-standing champion of artists and creative communities in Coventry, we are entering a new phase of development that is both challenging and full of opportunity. We are seeking new trustees to join our Board and help guide the organisation through this next stage of growth.

About Coventry Artspace

Coventry Artspace supports artists and communities by providing space, resources and opportunities for creativity to develop and grow. We:

- Provide studios, exhibition and project spaces
- Support artists' professional development
- Collaborate with partners across Coventry and the wider region
- Champion the role of art and culture in building stronger, more inclusive communities

As we navigate a changing funding landscape and evolving needs within the city's cultural sector, we are committed to ensuring that Coventry Artspace remains a vital, sustainable, and artist-centred organisation.

The role of Trustee

Trustees play a crucial role in setting our strategic direction, overseeing good governance and ensuring the organisation delivers on its mission and values. As a trustee you will:

- Contribute to the development and oversight of our strategic plans, particularly as we look for a new 'home'.
- Support and challenge the organisation as a constructive critical friend
- Ensure we meet our legal and financial responsibilities as a charity.
- Advocate for Coventry Artspace and help strengthen our profile and partnerships
- Bring your expertise, lived experience and networks to support our next phase of growth

This is a voluntary role, with reasonable expenses reimbursed. The Board typically meets 4 times a year, with additional sub-group or occasional away-day commitments.

Who we're looking for:

We welcome applications from people at all stages of their careers.

We are particularly keen to hear from individuals with experience, skills or knowledge in one or more of the following areas:

- Finance, accountancy or charity financial oversight
- Fundraising, philanthropy or income generation
- Marketing, communications or audience development
- Property, estates or facilities management
- HR, organisational development or change management
- Community engagement, participation or education
- Artistic practice, curation or cultural leadership

We strongly encourage applications from people who are currently under-represented on boards, including people from global majority backgrounds, disabled people, LGBTQ+ people, working-class and migrant communities, and people at different life stages.

You do not have to be an “arts insider” to make a meaningful contribution. If you care about creativity, community and Coventry, and are willing to share your skills and time, we would love to hear from you.

What you'll gain

- A meaningful role in shaping the future of a key cultural organisation in Coventry
- The opportunity to support artists and communities at a critical moment for the sector
- Experience of governance and strategic leadership

How to apply

To express your interest, please send:

- A short statement (no more than one page or a 3–5 minute video/voice note) explaining why you'd like to become a trustee and what you feel you can bring to Coventry Artspace
- A brief CV or summary of relevant experience

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