

TRUSTEE RECRUITMENT

Liverpool's Unity Theatre is looking for new Board Members with the skills and passion to support the organisation at a key stage in its development, building on our reputation for championing exceptional artistic work and sector-leading artists. We have ambitious plans for growth over the next three years that will see us build on our societal roots, developing work that challenges and provokes whilst being more sustainable through the growth of ticket sales, audience development and funding opportunities.

ABOUT THE ROLE

Our committed Board of Trustees forms an invaluable part of the team, ensuring that the Unity is well run, well managed and financially robust. To add to the talent and dedication of our existing Board, we are looking to recruit up to four new Trustees to take us to the next stage in our organisation's development. We are particularly looking for skills and experience in one or more of the following areas:

- The cultural sector – holding a senior role in an arts organisation (preferably with both artistic and organisational oversight) and/or as an artist with a track record of presenting exceptional, thought-provoking work
- Fundraising and income generation – as a fundraising professional or passionate supporter, able to demonstrate excellent networking skills with high-net-worth individuals and organisations
- Digital technology – with an in-depth knowledge of innovative practice, including use as an audience development tool
- People management and HR strategy – including extensive experience of managing diverse teams and knowledge of policy and best practice

Unity welcomes applications from all members of the community with the ability to make effective contributions to the Board. You will bring strong insight and professional experience in your area of specialism, along with a willingness to share thoughts, challenge ideas and support the team at all levels of the organisation. Previous experience of being a Trustee is not a requirement. A passion for the arts and their role within a community is essential.

This role is voluntary with a commitment to attend four Board meetings a year, plus relevant sub-committees and regular performances and events. Appointments are for an initial period of three years, with the option of standing for an additional three-year term.

ABOUT UNITY

Since the 1930s, Unity has artistically challenged the status quo, and to this day we remain an organisation that interrogates society and humanity through our diverse programming.

The productions and events we curate are designed to speak directly to the communities around us, as we strive to connect curious audiences with brilliant new interdisciplinary work. We support creatives who break artistic boundaries, by bringing high-profile artists to Liverpool audiences and promoting home-grown artists nationwide through our touring activity. All our work is underpinned by a holistic and wide-reaching engagement programme that champions and gives a voice to Liverpool communities, breaking down barriers in one of the world's most exciting cities to live, work and play.

Unity Theatre is a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity managed by a Board of Trustees, currently comprising seven members. The board is chaired by Chris Bliss, former Estates Director of Liverpool One and now MD of Momentum Property Solutions. Day to day the organisation is run by a team of six full-time and ten part-time staff, alongside a pool of casual staff, freelancers and volunteers. Unity is funded and supported by Arts Council England and Liverpool City Council, alongside an ever-growing group of generous individuals and companies.