



Seeking: New chairperson for art charity

Artbox London is a charity and social enterprise with a mission, through art, to increase the creativity and the social and economic inclusion of people with learning disabilities and/or autistic people.

We're looking for a highly committed, managerial and empathetic chairperson to work with a well-established team in enhancing our services and in strengthening our organisation and capabilities. To apply, please see contact details below.

What we do

We run weekly art workshops in our studio in Islington, London for around 70 artists with learning disabilities and/or who are autistic. We organise research trips to galleries and museums, and we sell our artists' art, prints and related products through our website and at exhibitions which we regularly organise.

In the context of funding cuts in public services, Artbox plays a crucial role in ensuring people with learning disabilities and/or autistic people are encouraged, provided for, and feel valued as members of the community.

What we need

We're looking for an experienced chairperson with the skills, motivation and, importantly, time, to work closely with our board and our leadership team helping them to develop, refine and realise plans to meet the challenges and opportunities we face as a mature and successful service provider charity.

Person specification

We're looking for a person who:

- shares our commitment to serve adults with learning disabilities and autism
- is willing and able to contribute actively to the organisation's development
- can work with and relate to a wide range of stakeholders
- can be our advocate and spokesperson at events and in the media
- can listen and learn as well as organise and lead
- has some experience in and/or knowledge of one or more of the following:
 - business strategy and governance
 - arts management

- o financial management
- o marketing and communications
- o fundraising / business development.

In addition, our ideal chairperson would have a good appreciation of the responsibilities of managing a charity and, when needed, be willing to leverage their network(s) to help the Artbox cause.

Objectives of the Board of Trustees

- To provide leadership and direction to the organisation
- To support the Artbox team in operational roles and in changing delivery
- To assist with fundraising and developing income streams
- To ensure good governance and control

Time commitment

This is a voluntary position. The time commitment will include preparation for and running five trustee meetings per year and attendance at other relevant meetings and events such as our exhibitions. There will also be some work between meetings to keep abreast of developments and to help launch or progress initiatives that make up the organisational agenda.

How to express interest

Please send your CV and a brief letter setting out your motivation and how you meet the person specification to Emily@artboxlondon.org.

For an informal chat about the role, please email Paul McLintic (interim chair) at paul@mclintic.com to arrange a phone call.