



Application Pack

Thank you for your interest in joining our Board of Trustees. Never has it been so important to recognise and support the value of arts and culture, not only in terms of business and value to the economy, but also how it reaches out and touches the lives of everyone in our communities and the critical role in the health and wellbeing of everyone.

Becoming a trustee of Portsmouth Creates at this key time, offers the opportunity to be involved in the development of an exciting set of initiatives and strategy to place Portsmouth firmly on the map of culture, creativity and innovation, accessible to all.

The creative and cultural sector in Portsmouth is populated with a wealth of diverse talent and inspirational people from all walks of life. Culture is linked to 42% of inbound-tourism related expenditure and with over 550 companies working across the Creative Industries in Portsmouth and a visitor economy worth £600m per annum, supporting 13,000 jobs, culture is integral to the lifeblood of the city.

Portsmouth Creates, founded in November 2019 with investment from [Portsmouth City Council](#), [Victorious Festival](#), [University of Portsmouth](#), [Arts Council England](#) and local businesses, is a catalyst organisation, established to facilitate change, growth, improvement and to raise the aspirations and ownership of culture within the city.

By working in strategic partnerships and by fostering collaborations, we champion inclusivity and strive to improve access to arts and culture so that everyone within the city, regardless of background, can engage with what the city has to offer, from school children who have low levels of literacy and who may never have visited the beach, through the older generations, isolated during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Our vision is to pioneer a cultural-led regeneration, raising the bar and collaborating with our neighbours in the Solent, enabling Portsmouth to become revered as a city of creativity and culture.

For more information about us, please check us out on our website or Facebook or contact us at louise@portsmouthcreates.co.uk

Role Description

Portsmouth Creates is currently a registered Community Interest Company but we are in the process of applying for charitable status.

The Board

Our Board has between seven and eleven members. All members of the Board serve in an individual capacity. They have a duty to support the work of Portsmouth Creates as a whole, rather than act as a representative of a particular interest group.

All members are unpaid, non-executive Directors of the CIC Portsmouth Creates.

Whilst duties include:

- Agreeing policies
- Representing Portsmouth Creates
- Advocacy and fundraising
- Monitoring performance against aims and objectives
- Oversight of financial, legal and charitable responsibilities

Your role will be as part of a team at the forefront of cultural leadership within the city of Portsmouth, bringing people together in a trusted way and driving community benefit through partnership.

Most of all we are looking for people who share our passion for Portsmouth and our belief and aim to harness the power of culture to rejuvenate our communities and local economy and within that ensure that everyone can enjoy a rich and varied mix of cultural and creative opportunities within the city, irrespective of their means, or background.

Application Process

Closing date: We hope to have appointed to our new Board by Autumn but reserve the right to close the recruitment process once we have recruited the full membership.

Please don't wait, if you are interested apply now.

Shortlisted prospective Trustees will be invited to interview by the current Chair and Joint Chief Executives.

To apply, please send an email explaining, in your own words, why you feel you would make an ideal Trustee of Portsmouth Creates and what skills and experience you have that could support us. Please feel free to send this information in any format you are most comfortable with, we are happy to accept text documents or videos, together with your contact details to louise@portsmouthcreates.co.uk