



## **Action for Children's Arts is looking for exceptional individuals to join its Board of Trustees**

Action for Children's Arts was founded in 1998 by Vicky Ireland MBE with the support of a group of like-minded children's arts professionals.

We are a membership organisation, a registered charity (no. 1114530) and a company limited by guarantee in England and Wales (company no. 03721564). Our members' subscriptions are our main source of income. Our activities relate to all the arts for all children aged 0-12. Active throughout the UK, we are building partnerships in Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland and the English regions.

To ensure that ACA thrives, not merely survives, the charity is looking to strengthen the committed and experienced group of volunteers drawn from a diverse range of backgrounds and experience who serve on its Board of Trustees.

### **What We Do**

Action for Children's Arts is the voice of children's arts in the UK. The charity aims to improve the cultural wellbeing of children by focusing attention on and encouraging support for children's arts, and by celebrating and sharing the achievements of its members. We do this in three ways:

- Campaigning** - for children's right to the arts
- Connecting** - children's arts practitioners
- Celebrating** - children's arts in the UK

We are dedicated to:

- Valuing children**
- Valuing childhood**
- Valuing the arts**

### **Our Patrons**

We are fortunate to have the support of a number of distinguished patrons:

Jenny Agutter OBE; David Almond OBE, Sir Alan Ayckbourn CBE, Lynne Reid Banks, Baroness Floella Benjamin DBE, Sir David Bintley CBE, Malorie Blackman OBE, Sir Quentin Blake CBE, Sir Matthew Bourne OBE, Mrs Felicity Dahl, Dame Carol Ann Duffy CBE, Peter Duncan, Michael Foreman, Jamila Gavin, Anna Home OBE, Sir Nicholas Hytner, Joanna MacGregor OBE, Michelle Magorian; Roger McGough CBE, Sir Michael Morpurgo OBE, Nick Park CBE, Sir Philip Pullman CBE, Kate Robinson, Michael Rosen, Julian Lloyd Webber OBE, Dame Jacqueline Wilson DBE, Benjamin Zephaniah

## **The Board of Trustees**

The Board of Trustees meets approximately every two months and there are also ad-hoc working groups to support the main Board's work.

The Trustees have ultimate responsibility to fulfil the Company's governance responsibilities in line with Charity Commission and Companies Acts' requirements.

Please note, we will require Trustees to undertake a DBS check and Trustee Safeguarding Training as part of the voluntary role.

## **Key Responsibilities and Principles**

- Establish the strategic direction and business planning cycle
- Formulate policy
- Approve and monitor operations and evaluate performance
- Ensure adequate financial resources and effective fiscal oversight
- Ensure sound risk management
- Determine the organisational structure
- Act as a responsible employer
- Enhance the company's reputation and profile
- Select and induct new Board members
- Carry out Board business efficiently

## **Commitment**

- To ensure a positive working environment within ACA which enables it to focus on its charitable objectives.
- To make a significant positive impact on the charity's future and ensure success in its ongoing development.
- To act as ambassadors and advocates for ACA in its search for funding.

## **Experience and Skills**

- Exceptional individuals with a love of and strong belief in arts and culture and an empathy with ACA and its objectives
- Strong personal and professional networks
- Fluent communicators willing to be an advocate of the work of the charity externally.
- Well-connected and authoritative, able and willing to bring ACA into contact with key relationships as part of realising the organisation's ambitions
- Board level and/or senior advisory experience working with other medium-sized charities (desirable but not essential)

This is a non-remunerated post, but reasonable travel expenses will be met.

Please send your submissions including a letter of interest and relevant CV to Katy Stocker, Administration and Marketing Assistant: [katy.stocker@childrensarts.org.uk](mailto:katy.stocker@childrensarts.org.uk)

Submission deadline: 1 September

Zoom interviews: w/c 19 September

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