



Could you join the Board of the Petworth Festival to help with fundraising?



The Petworth Festival brings world class performance to the heart of the South Downs. Established 45 years ago as a weekend of music, today we stage a two and a half-week summer festival and a twelve-day autumn literary festival, drawing audiences from across Sussex, Surrey and Hampshire. We are focused on creating a cultural landscape in this beautiful part of West Sussex in which people can grow up and grow older alive to the transformational power of music, literature and the arts. We are also committed to learning and participation work in our local schools.

As a charity our income comes as much from generous local support and local business sponsorship as from ticket income. We are now seeking a new trustee with experience and capability of generating financial support.

What does joining the board involve?

On a day-to-day basis, the festival is run by a professional team, consisting of Artistic Director, Festival Manager, Marketing and Development Manager, Finance Manager & Bookkeeper and Festival Administrator.

It is Governed by a small board of trustees who meet for Board meetings six times a year and take on other roles and responsibilities depending on their experience and time availability.

A new trustee will be a vital part of a development group, working closely with our Marketing and Development Manager as well as other Trustees.

What sort of person are we looking for?

Understanding and experience of the world of arts, especially music, would be a bonus but, above all, we are looking for someone who can help us develop our already substantial supporter base.

We are a small charity with a small board where good ideas can be put into practice quickly and have impact quickly. Experience of charity governance would be great but is not essential. We have plenty of resources that we can share with you to get your up to speed on what it means to be a trustee.

Good people and communication skills are important. You will need to form good relationships with the team, other trustees and supporters and have the confidence to put your views forward amongst a board with lots of different views!

The ability to get to Petworth is important. An increasing amount of festival business is conducted remotely but at least three Board meetings a year are in person, in Petworth, during the working day and attendance at evening supporter and sponsor events in Petworth is important. You will also need to be able to attend a good number of summer festival and autumn literary festival events in-order to understand the festival, its audience and its supporters.

If you'd like to find out more.....

If you would like to find out more and are happy to start a conversation to see whether you might be able to help - please get in touch via the email below – before **30 September 2024**.

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