



BECOME AN ARTSPACE TRUSTEE 2025

ARTSPACE
LIFESPACE



Artspace exists to create unique, exciting venues which provide affordable spaces for artists to make, develop and showcase their work.

We offer a mix of artists' studios and space for exhibitions, filming, events, rehearsal and independent retail across our Bristol venues: The Island, Sparks Bristol, The Arts Mansion, The Vestibules, Broadmead XP.

Artspace was set up in 2006 by a group of creatives in Bristol who understood that art and culture needs places to flourish.

Artspace began by revitalising meanwhile spaces - buildings that were changing use or in danger of being abandoned - to allow creativity to flourish in Bristol and North Somerset

Over time our remit has grown and in addition to providing affordable room for artists, we provide consultancy to professionals such as architects, planners and developers who are committed to regeneration focused on community need.

WHO WE ARE





BEING AN ARTSPACE TRUSTEE

“Trustees of Artspace have the opportunity to get involved in so many different areas of activity - arts practice, urban planning, organisational development, sustainability, building design... the list goes on. Bringing projects like Sparks and Arts Mansion to life has been really exciting, and it’s a brilliant way to get to know different communities across Bristol. “

Anthony, Trustee

“Artspace Lifespace is a wonderful organisation that weaves activism with creativity, major arteries that feed the beating heart of Bristol. I get to experience facets of what it means to be a citizen of Bristol - from late night storytime events to negotiating lease agreements, to creating opportunities for organisations and individuals to thrive.”

Kara, Trustee

“I feel connected to a rare part of Bristol culture. Creative, unafraid and looking to impact on the city in ways that feel fresh and open. But also part of the creative city that has created some amazing existing things such as street art - validating alternative thinking and activism through artistic endeavour.”

Richard, Trustee

“Being a trustee for Artspace has given me a place to share my skills and knowledge, whilst being involved in a growing, creative and innovative organisation that isn’t afraid to take risks”

Melissa, Trustee





WHAT YOU BRING TO ARTSPACE

Artspace Board of Trustees exists to ask the difficult questions about how Artspace is run and where we're going as an organisation.

Our board have all kinds of skills - from financial expertise, legal knowledge, arts sector know-how; to buildings and architecture capabilities and festivals and live events skills.

We're interested in recruiting board members who might bring the following skills:

Technical expertise in IT, health + safety, building management or construction

Knowledge of finance, fundraising or philanthropy in the arts and placemaking

Expertise in inclusion, inclusive governance and pathways to wider representation in our audiences

An understanding of the role of arts and creativity in the Bristol or national policy

Chairing skills, supporting our CEO and bringing new levels of leadership



WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT FROM US

Being an Artspace charity trustee brings many benefits including contributing to a vibrant creative cause; developing your board and leadership skills via training and hands-on experience; building your network and being part of a larger community; and adding power to your CV.

Artspace values are rooted in inclusion, care and creativity. We aim to be responsive, activist, flexible, trusted, enabling, responsible and supportive.

You can expect a trustee team who are keen to learn from each other, and to listen to each other, and who are passionate about Artspace.

We see each other regularly at events across the city, and most of all, we revel in being part of an activist organisation that cares deeply about creativity, the arts and their place in the city. If that rings a bell with you, get in touch.





INTERESTED?

If you'd like to have an informal chat about becoming an Artspace Trustee, please contact us at: melissablackburn@hotmail.co.uk or kathryn@artspace.uk

More Info:

Our Website: www.artspace.uk

Our Venues:

The Island

Sparks Bristol

The Arts Mansion

The Vestibules

Broadmead XP

Our Impact Report 2023

Our Existing Team and Board of Trustees



Photo by Laura Montag, Island Open Studios 2023



WHAT ARTSPACE TRUSTEES DO IN PRACTICE

Artspace trustees are responsible for ensuring that the organisation operates to standards set by the Charity Commission. The Board of Trustees take ultimate responsibility for the work that the organisation does, and the way in which it spends the money raised by the charity through income and donations. The Trustees are responsible for the strategic direction of the charity, agreeing plans and budgets, and holding the CEO to account for the delivery of the plans.

The role is voluntary and unpaid, but reasonable expenses are covered including access costs such as dependent / child care, communication support or other costs as agreed with the board.

Committments

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We ask that you sign up for a 3 year term. Our full Board of Trustees meets virtually 4 times a year. Trustees also take it in turns to attend quarterly staff meetings, and our CEO and staff may also require occasional support.

You may be invited to represent Artspace at meetings, attend our project launches or key exhibitions and events such as our Open Days, or work alongside staff at events and receptions.

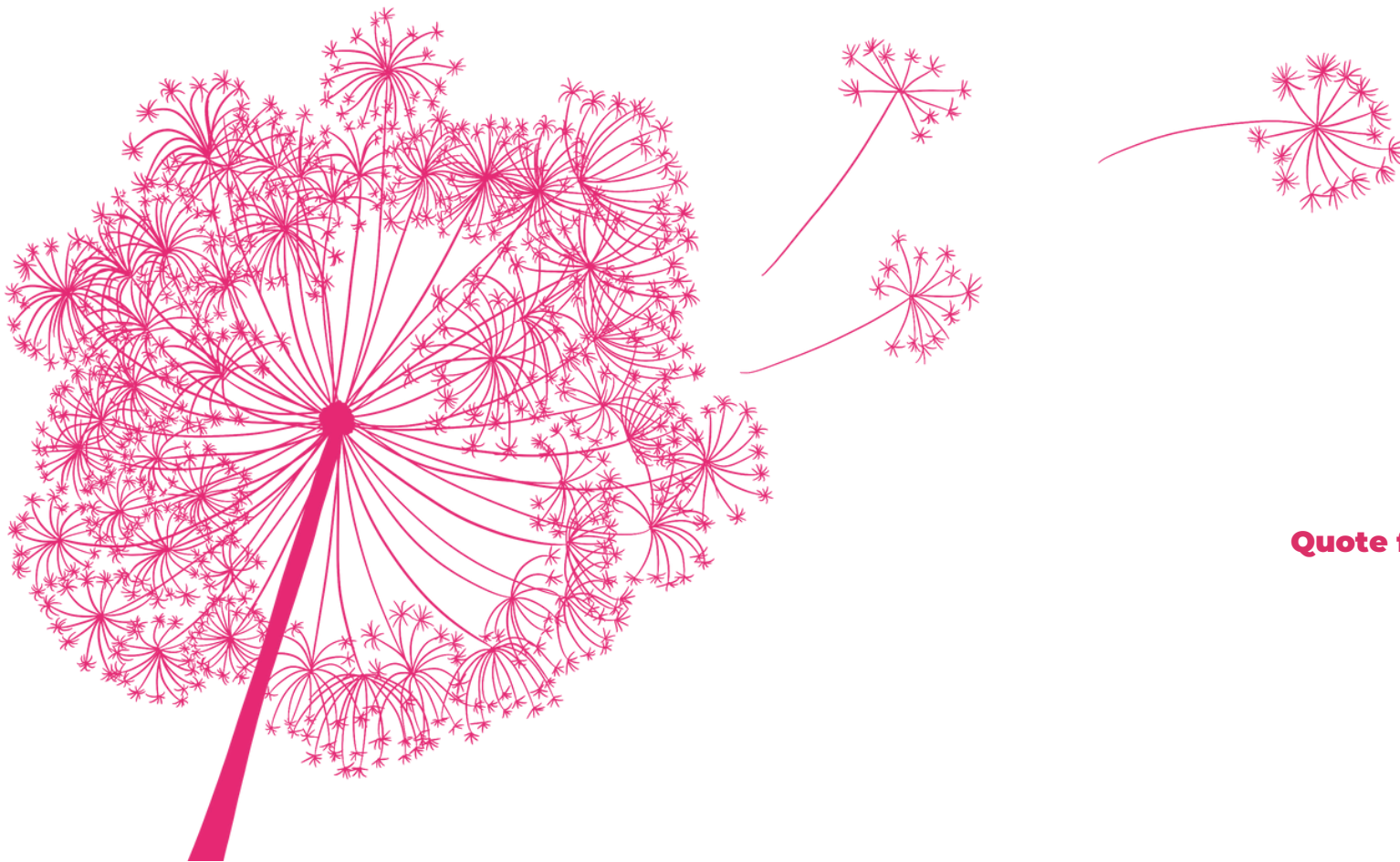
Currently the role of the Chair of Trustees rotates among the trustees quarterly. The Chair and the Treasurer support the CEO and Finance Officer with more frequent communications and support.

Key Responsibilities

With other Trustees to hold Artspace Lifespace 'in trust' by

- Ensuring that Artspace has a clear vision, mission and strategic direction and focus
- Ensuring that Artspace complies with all legal and regulatory requirements
- Acting as guardians of our assets, both tangible and intangible, taking due care over their use and support
- Ensuring that Artspace governance and performance is of the highest possible standard
- To work in partnership with other trustees, the CEO, senior staff and our key partners and funders.
- Uphold our values putting inclusion, creativity and care at the centre of all we do

"Artspace stitches together artists, performers, and creative communities. As a trustee you get a unique point of view on how these combine to form a collective energy and ambition that shapes the city we live in."



Quote from an Artspace Trustee

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