



PECKHAM PLATFORM TRUSTEE

ROLE DESCRIPTION

Role Title Peckham Platform Trustee
Accountable to Chair of the Board

Salary Voluntary Position

About Peckham Platform

Peckham Platform is a dynamic creative and educational charity. Our mission is to create positive change through meaningful social art practice. We believe that art has the unique power to engage people and bring communities together in order to make sense of the world around us. We champion art produced through a genuinely collaborative process between artists and the communities in our locality. Peckham Platform's role is one of facilitation; to promote co-production right through to exhibition, installation or event.

We have won a competitive tender from Southwark Council to run our new gallery in the redeveloped Peckham Library Square, due to open in 2020. Our new permanent home will have more space, better facilities and a greatly expanded programme of free cultural events.

What we are looking for

We are seeking to grow and diversify our skills set on our Board of Trustees at a time of significant change. As a new Peckham Platform Trustee, you will have the opportunity to make a real impact on the organization as we move into our new building in 2020. Previous trustee experience is not essential, we are keen to support applicants from a variety of diverse backgrounds to develop their skills and to proactively support and mentor new trustees.

Skills, Knowledge and Experience

- A keen interest, knowledge and awareness of the work of Peckham Platform
- Ability to objectively evaluate, analyse and scrutinize information relating to the charity.
- Ability to build positive relationships and networks over time to engage different communities, audiences and stakeholders with the work of Peckham Platform
- Perceptive communications skills, ensuring everyone participates.
- Ability to work co-operatively and collaboratively with other Trustees and staff.
- An understanding of - or willingness to learn about - the legal duties, responsibilities and liabilities of trusteeship.
- An understanding of - or willingness to learn about - governance policies and procedures.
- An understanding of our local communities and of the social, economic and political challenges facing Peckham and Southwark.
- Knowledge of equal opportunities.
- Ability to undertake a DBS check for safeguarding purposes



We are particularly interested in people who have the following specialist skills to broaden the diversity of our board.

Representative 1:

- You are a practicing artist or academic with substantial knowledge and a long standing commitment to social art at national or international level.
- You understand the contemporary debates and trends towards social art practice and the need for a critical and rigorous approach.
- You have ideas about how Peckham Platform can contribute to contemporary social art.
- Expertise in research activity, archives and residencies would also be welcomed.

Representative 2:

- You are a practicing arts and education professional with a long-standing and demonstrable track record of outreach and education in community settings.
- You have an understanding of procedure and educational policy
- You are willing to support, develop and mentor the Peckham Platform team in this area of work as the organisation grows.

Representative 3:

- You are a financial expert willing to provide guidance and direction on fundraising and financial management.
- You are able to provide support and advice on business planning, short and long-term financial forecasting and rigorous financial controls.
- Experience in managing capital fundraising, donor and patron schemes and Gift Aid would be welcomed.

We are unable to take applications from individuals who fall into the categories described in sections 178 to 180 of the Charities Act 2011. This includes:

- Anyone who has an unspent conviction for an offence involving deception or dishonesty;
- Anyone who is an undischarged bankrupt;
- Anyone who has been removed from trusteeship of a charity by the Court or the commission for misconduct or mismanagement;
- Anyone under a disqualification order under the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986;
- Anyone who has entered into a composition or arrangement with their creditors which includes an individual voluntary arrangement (IVA), and is currently on the Insolvency Service Register.



Time commitment and remuneration

The Trusteeship is an unpaid role however all reasonable expenses incurred by Trustees will be reimbursed so that no individual is out of pocket as a result of their involvement with the charity. This includes reasonable cost of travelling to and from trustee meetings, cost of childcare while attending trustee meetings and to facilitate reasonable adjustments for a trustee with a disability.

We do ask for a commitment to attend around 8-12 days a year to the business of the charity, including board meetings, committees and training. All trustees are encouraged to sit on or Chair a sub-committee relevant to their area of expertise. Trustees serve a maximum of two three-year terms from the date of appointment. After this time trustees step down for a minimum of one year before being eligible to stand for re-election.

Application process

How to apply

To apply to become a member of the Board of Trustees for Peckham Platform, please forward a comprehensive up-to-date CV together with a supporting statement explaining how your skills and experience match the requirements of the role to: recruitment@peckhamplatform.com
Applications can also be posted to: Peckham Platform, Studio B4Q, Bussey Building, Copeland Park, 133 Copeland Road, Peckham, London SE15 3SN.

Please also provide the names, positions, organisations and telephone contact numbers of two referees. References will only be taken once your express permission has been granted.

You are also invited to complete and return the enclosed diversity monitoring form. The information on the form will be treated as confidential, and used for statistical purposes. The form will not be treated as part of the application.

Closing Date: 5pm on 9 March 2018.

Interview Date: TBC w/c 26 March 2018.