

'We're passionate about the difference the arts make to the lives of the children and young people. They inspire and engage, raise confidence and aspiration. We believe that all children are entitled to a creative education and access to culture.'

If you share the views expressed in this quote and wish to make a difference to the lives of children in Somerset, then you could be just the person we are looking for.

SPAEDA (Somerset Partnership Arts Education Agency) is seeking to recruit up to six new Trustees to its governing body at an exciting and challenging time for arts education in schools – primary, secondary or tertiary, mainstream or special, state or privately funded.

The education sector is still undergoing change: the continued transfer to academy status for many institutions, the emergence of multi-academy trusts, changes in school funding and budget pressures. Alongside this has come a renewal in the recognition that children develop better in an environment and with a curriculum that include opportunities to participate in the arts, in its broadest sense.

SPAEDA's mission is to facilitate these opportunities with services targeted at schools, teachers and young people themselves. It is an arts education charity, with over 15 years' experience of providing training, advice, advocacy, resources and research in arts education. It has an embedded understanding of the arts and in-depth knowledge of schools and education and delivers artist led projects in response to schools' needs.

Do you have the skills, experience and passion to help us fulfil this mission?

We are inviting applications from individuals who have a strong interest in how these two areas come together to provide exceptional opportunities for the development and well-being of children and young people. Applicants don't necessarily need to work in the arts or education sectors but in particular we are looking for people with experience of financial management, fundraising, marketing and communications, digital media, Legal affairs and charity and company governance.

The role of Trustee is non-executive, providing a rewarding opportunity to use your expertise and experience to help SPAEDA deliver its current programmes and develop its Strategic Plan for the period post 2019, when significant changes to education funding will impact on its business model.

Current projects include:

- Delivery of InspirED subscription programme to schools with partners Somerset Film and Video, Take Art and Somerset Art Works (<https://inspiresomerset.wordpress.com/>)
- Delivery of communications and audience engagement activity for Sound Foundation Somerset
- Switched on to Art – an Arts Council England funded organisational development programme exploring new models of CPD for artists and arts leaders
- Catalyst Evolve – an Arts Council England funded project to raise the fundraising expertise of the InspirED partners and of schools in Somerset
- Artists in Schools – co-commissioning creative practitioners within School and Community settings
- Conferences, workshops and CPD opportunities for arts leaders across the County

The Trustee recruitment pack contains further information about this exciting role and the activities of the charity. Documents can be downloaded here:

- Trustee Role Description
- Trustee Person Specification
- About Spaeda
- Spaeda Memorandum and Articles of Association
- Final Accounts and Trustees' Annual Report for 2016/2017

For an informal chat and further information please contact the Chair Linda Green via the Spaeda office (info@spaeda.org.uk 01823 410160).

To apply, please submit a CV and a covering letter setting out how your experience and skills meet SPAEDA's requirements as described in the role description and person specification available on this web page. If you are interested in the particular role of Treasurer or Secretary, please indicate this in your letter.

Please return your application to the Chair, Linda Green info@spaeda.org.uk by 5pm on Friday 23rd February 2018

Interviews for Trustees will take place on Friday 2nd March at Hestercombe House, Taunton. If you are unable to make that date, please let us know in your letter and we will do our best to accommodate you.

We look forward to hearing from you!

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