

CREATE LONDON

Join the Board of Trustees at Create London Role Description

Create London is seeking up to 3 new Trustees with skills and expertise in commercial property development and management, capital projects, architecture and enterprise and commercial strategy to join our Board at an exciting moment of growth.

WHO WE ARE

Create London commissions socially engaged art, generous architecture and bold infrastructure that respond to civic needs and local contexts. We believe that transformative and radical ideas can derive from working long-term with local communities, providing inclusive moments for individuals to expand their imaginations, foster collective action and support thriving communities.

Over the last twelve years we have provided everyday opportunities for over 660,000 people in under-served locations to access world-class cultural experiences. Prioritising London boroughs with high levels of deprivation and the lowest arts participation, Create London delivers an annual programme of commissions, residencies, free creative workshops and outreach. This is an exciting time to join Create London as we are delivering new capital project, transforming an existing building into new cultural and creative uses following the success of A House for Artists, which won the Neave Brown Award for Social Housing, was shortlisted for the RIBA Stirling Prize and won the Housing Design Award 2023.

Other recent Create London projects include the first public sculpture by Grayson Perry, the Turner Prize-winning Hackney Windrush sculpture by Veronica Ryan OBE (co-commissioned with Hackney Council) and artist playgrounds by Yinka Ilori and Eva Rothschild RA. Create London operates two 'homes' in Barking & Dagenham: The White House is a place for art and social activity on the Becontree Estate and A House for Artists is an ambitious new project for affordable and sustainable housing tied to long-term civic engagement in Barking Town Centre.

Our five guiding principles:

Community comes first

Our projects draw on the knowledge, material culture and representation of local communities. No matter the delivery method, Create projects promote and challenge the creative potential of and relevance to diverse communities.

Pioneering practice with deep-rooted impact

We work in areas facing multiple levels of deprivation as we believe world-class architecture and art can be woven into the fabric of everyday

life, and be influenced and appreciated by people of all ages and backgrounds.

A nomadic organisation with roots in east London

Working from a range of 'homes', we have a strong commitment to deliver high-impact cultural experiences and purposeful infrastructure in east London. Our agility allows us to experiment and rethink established models of commissioning to support new artistic practice and unique organisations.

Catalysing social activism and climate emergency

We are an entrepreneurial organisation that takes our carbon footprint seriously. Our work connects social and climate injustice in boroughs most vulnerable to climate change to provoke debate and change through the arts.

An adept connector and collaborator

We operate within and beyond the arts ecology to succeed. Committed to a transparent process, we bring together diverse partners for mutual benefit, from private industries and governmental bodies to grassroots groups and local schools.

Our Governance

We have recently introduced a new model of governance in which the role of Chair of Trustees is rotated among existing Board members. This approach is designed to strengthen collective leadership, share responsibility across the Board, and ensure that all Trustees have the opportunity to play an active role in the organisation's direction and decision-making.

We expect that each chair will serve a minimum of 6 board meetings and will be supported by a deputy chair.

Who we're looking for

We are seeking Trustees who share our belief in the power of art and architecture to strengthen communities and who bring specific expertise in one or more of the following areas:

Commercial property development and commercial strategy–

experience of strategic development, planning or regeneration projects, especially creating and implementing models which align commercial viability with social purpose

Architecture/Capital Projects (especially heritage buildings) – experience in architectural design, construction, restoration or adaptive reuse projects. We would particularly welcome professionals who are interested in the role of the built environment in supporting social connection and equitable urban development.

Trustees will also bring:

- A commitment to Create's mission, values and inclusive approach
- Interest in bringing art and artists to communities; and nurturing talent, innovation and entrepreneurship.
- Understanding and acceptance of the duties and liabilities of being a Board member and being a team player.

- Ability and willingness to devote the necessary time and effort.
- Commitment to supporting the organisation's contribution to East London and the sustainability of the organisation.
- Commitment to good governance of charities and not for profit organisations
- Commitment to equality, diversity and inclusivity across the
- Ability to maintain confidentiality on confidential and/or sensitive data and information.

TIME COMMITMENT

- Four Board meetings per year (in person)
- Occasional committee or project meetings (online/hybrid)
- Three-year term, renewable up to a maximum of nine years
- These are voluntary roles, with reasonable expenses reimbursed.

TERM

Trustees are appointed for three years, which can be renewed up to a maximum of nine years.

HOW TO APPLY

We are committed to increasing the representation of racially minoritised people across our organisation. We therefore particularly welcome applications from people from these under-represented groups.

Please send a CV and cover letter (max one A4 page) outlining why you would like to join Create's Board and how your experience aligns with the role to: info@createlondon.org

APPLICATION DEADLINE 23th January 2026

INTERVIEWS w/c 5/6 February 2026 (online)