

LAWRENCE BATLEY THEATRE HUDDERSFIELD

INVITATION TO JOIN THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Kirklees Theatre Trust is seeking new volunteer Board members. The trust is responsible for The Lawrence Batley Theatre (LBT) in Huddersfield.

The LBT presents a year-round programme of live performance, film and exhibitions. We are recognised across the region for our excellent contemporary dance and family offer (including our panto, which we produce in-house), and have an ambition to increase the profile of our drama offer over the coming years.

We will shortly celebrate our 25th Anniversary and have just appointed a new Chief Executive & Artistic Director to take us forward into the next phase of our development. This is an exciting time to join the Board of Trustees.

Alongside our professional programme, we have a strong commitment to amateur societies and encourage creativity and learning through community and youth productions, events and classes. We also work across Kirklees in local settings using the arts to help people discover their creativity and develop new opportunities for individuals and communities.

In 2014 we secured a £2million investment from Arts Council England's Creative People and Places to create a programme of creativity and audience development in North Kirklees. Our project – Creative Scene – started in July 2014 and we have secured funding which will extend the project until 2020.

This is a chance for enthusiastic people to play a strategic role in the future of an established and exciting organisation. We are looking for individuals who will volunteer their ideas, experience, skills and energy as a member of our Board.

We welcome applications from all backgrounds and sectors.

We are particularly seeking applications from:

- Diverse representatives of the local community
- Young people
- People with business or hospitality experience/skills
- Representatives from within the arts industry
- Individuals with regional corporate connections

The Board usually meets on the last Tuesday of every second month. Meetings are held in the evening and last around 2 hours. You would also be required to participate in Away Days and attend performances from time to time. Trustees serve for a maximum of 2 3-year terms. Our current Chair and Vice Chair will leave the Board in the next 2 years, so applicants interested in leadership will be especially welcome.

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To **express your interest** in this opportunity please send a **short CV** or **biography** with a **statement outlining your interest** to:

Andrew Bird, Chair, c/o Nick Travis, Lawrence Batley Theatre, Queen's Square, Queen Street, Huddersfield, HD1 2SP, or by e-mail to nick@thelbt.org

Further information about the LBT is available on our website www.thelbt.org, or for an informal conversation about the role contact: Andrew Bird, Chair, c/o Nick Travis on nick@thelbt.org

Please send any expressions of interest by **10th May**.