KENT AND MEDWAY YOUNG MUSICIANS TRUST

Patron: The Lady Colgrain, His Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Kent Registered Charity Number: 1101969



RECRUITMENT OF ADDITIONAL TRUSTEES

BACKGROUND

We are a small, Kent based charity, dedicated to helping young people who show musical promise but need help, financial or otherwise, to fulfil their musical potential. We also promote the cause of youth musical activity generally within the county. Our assistance is not limited to traditional, classical music and embraces all musical types.

We are currently run by eight Trustees, all volunteers. Over the past 3 years we have grown; increasing the number of bursaries we give to young people each year and now facilitating regular performance opportunities. We have also formed links with some Kent based organisations, including Kent Music and amateur music groups.

To continue our work and further increase the level of support we provide across the county, we are seeking one or two additional Trustees.

More information about us can be found on our website: www.kamymtrust.org

TRUSTEE - ROLE DESCRIPTION

Duties

Our Trustees play a vital role in making sure that KaMYMT achieves its core purpose of supporting the next generation of Kent based musicians, this through providing support, financial or other, to young individuals of limited means.

We do not have paid staff and, as well as overseeing strategy and compliance, the day-to-day management and administration of our activities is carried out by the Trustees. We are small however (annual expenditure currently below £10,000) and ensure that this can be accommodated on a voluntary basis (see "time commitment" below). We are a friendly group and very much work as a team, playing to each other's strengths.

What we are looking for

We are looking for people who are keen to help our cause and are willing to bring energy, enthusiasm and commitment to the role. We are also looking to broaden the diversity of our skills and thinking. Previous governance experience is not a requirement.

Terms of office

- Trustees are appointed for three years. After this, any eligible Trustee may be reappointed through a resolution passed by the other Trustees.
- This is a voluntary position.

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Time commitment

- Attending our general meetings, typically four times annually, with some on-line meetings around specific topics in between.
- Assisting in the running of the charity, in agreed roles and on agreed projects.
- The amount of work involved for each Trustee is not onerous and can be accommodated, on a voluntary basis, in their spare time (and for those in work, alongside a full-time job). It will vary from Trustee to Trustee to suit their individual circumstances.

TRUST ACTIVITIES WHERE ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE WOULD BE HELPFUL

- Vetting grant applications
- IT/media
- Promotion/marketing
- Organisational skills/logistics/assistance with concerts
- Widening the regional context i.e. diluting our current Maidstone "centric-ness"
- Strengthening links with the younger generation