



Arts Uplift CIC Advisory Group Member Recruitment

About Us:

Arts Uplift CIC is a community interest company with the aim of improving the physical and mental well-being of various communities and individuals with specific health issues. Based in South Warwickshire, we believe in the power of arts and culture to bring about change in people's lives. Through our work, we support people of all ages to improve their lives and learn new skills through a range of creative and cultural activities that take place in spaces across Warwickshire and Worcestershire as well as online. At present we operate on a project by project basis and secure funding from Arts Council, trusts and local authorities as well as having a Just Giving Page.

Arts Uplift CIC has four directors. Jenny Davis, Director and founder of Arts Uplift, leads on the operational side of the business and we also rely on volunteers to help support the programme of work in the workshops and also administratively. We have an impressive track record in delivering high quality arts and cultural projects particularly working with people living with dementia and their carers' in the community and care home settings and with children and young people with additional needs.

Arts Uplift CIC was founded in 2016 by Jenny Davis and over the last 4 years we have developed rapidly from 2 days a week to 5 days a week operational delivery. We have delivered a varied programme of activity including our *Suitcase Stories* projects in partnership with Museums Worcestershire and Suitcase Stories Warwickshire projects. These projects use museum handling objects to stimulate memories in people living with dementia and their carers' and also use arts such as music and storytelling. These memories are then used to create news songs and stories. Also, we have delivered many projects in partnership with Entrust Care Partnership who support families with children and young people with additional needs. For example, *Grown Ups and Wigglers* an Early Years dance programme, *Inclusively Anjali* a summer holiday dance project and *Inside Stories* a song writing project delivered through lock down. We also have in the pipeline projects with adults on probation, with mental health issues and the unemployed.

More information about Arts Uplift CIC can be found on our website www.artsuplift.co.uk

Advisory Group Member Recruitment:

We are now looking to recruit up to three advisory group members with the capacity and skills to advise and support the development and expansion of our work. This is an exciting time to join Arts Uplift CIC and to help support the organisation move into its next chapter

of expansion. We are looking to build on our previous work and strategically develop our programmes to ensure continued level of engagement, organisational development and resilience over the coming years.

We would like to ensure our advisory group membership is reflective of the diversity in the region and so we welcome applications from all communities. Whether you're an experienced advisor or wanting to take your first step, we want to hear from you.

We are looking to complement the skills and experience of our existing Directors and are keen to hear from individuals with the following expertise:

- Fundraising, finance or development
- Marketing and or audience development
- Business development/expansion

Time Commitment:

We intend to meet as a group 4 times a year. The meetings take place in South Warwickshire or via video call. Between meetings we ask the stakeholder members to spend a reasonable amount of time on supporting the development of organisational activities. Appointments are for an initial term of two years with the option of an additional two years.

The roles are unpaid voluntary positions.

How to Apply:

Please send a CV and a short cover letter setting out the skills, experience and networks you could bring to the role, plus why you would like to become an Arts Uplift CIC advisory group member.

Applications should be sent to jenny@artsuplift.co.uk with the heading 'Advisory Group Member Application'.

The deadline for all applications is **Friday 16th October, 5pm**. Prospective stakeholders will be invited to attend an interview on either 21 or 22nd October via Zoom.

If you have any questions in advance of submitting an application, then please email jenny@artsuplift.co.uk.