



TRUSTEE RECRUITMENT PACK 2026



Toon Underground Parade 2025

WE ARE SEEKING NEW TRUSTEES TO JOIN OUR MOVING PARTS ARTS BOARD.

Help shape the future of our organisation as we celebrate **10 years** of connecting people and places through puppetry in 2027.

CHARITABLE OBJECTIVE AND MISSION:

We formed Movings Parts Arts CIO: "To promote the art of puppetry and related performance skills for the public benefit through the provision of festivals, theatrical performances, training opportunities and workshops to enable the engagement and participation of the public."

WE BELIEVE THAT:

- Puppetry is for everyone and brings people together.
- Puppetry is a unique art form that offers unique experiences.
- Puppetry is diverse, inclusive and accessible.



Puppet Quest! participants, 2026

WHO ARE WE?

Moving Parts Arts brings people and places together through puppetry. Homegrown in Newcastle upon Tyne, our focus, base and roots is the North East of England. At the core of what we do is participatory arts – a belief that everyone can be creative, and that puppetry is a unique way of breaking down barriers.

We produce the award-winning **Newcastle Puppetry Festival**, alongside dynamic community projects, workshops and events throughout the year, engaging 26,000+ people annually. We bring the best of puppetry from around the world to Newcastle and support local artists to experiment and imagine.

We aim to transform everyday spaces into creative, colourful communities. Our Charity is run and shaped by Newcastle residents; we care deeply about making the city a better place to work, live and thrive.

Moving Parts Arts was founded in 2017, originally existing only as the biennial Newcastle Puppetry Festival. In 2021 we became a year-round charity and the festival was moved to an annual offering in 2023.



Left: Delilah the Elephant at Newcastle Puppetry Festival 2025

Links to current projects

[Puppet Quest!](#)

[Teeny Tiny Toon](#)

[Newcastle Puppetry Festival](#)

[Community projects overview](#)

[Workshop menu](#)

[Puppets for events](#)

"Moving Parts deliver thoughtful and inspiring projects that, whilst being about social impact at their heart...[are] a showcase of ambition, talent and impact for the city."

Community Foundation North East

COULD YOU BE ONE OF OUR NEW TRUSTEES?

As we move into our 10th year (2027), we are looking to expand our Board of Trustees to help shape Moving Parts in our next chapter.

We would especially like to meet individuals who:

- Are based in the North East of England
- Have a passion for community arts, theatre, visual arts, performance, craft, and/or film. We're particularly interested in people who have a keen interest in puppetry and outdoor arts
- Are connected with local communities in the North East
- Are passionate about making Newcastle a creative and colourful place to live and work

Skills and experience that we are currently looking for in particular on our Board is

- Marketing/strategic press & PR experience
- Education experience
- Financial management experience
- Business management experience

We want our Board of Trustees to represent the marginalised communities we work with and for. We are especially interested in hearing from local people who identify as working class, global majority, disabled, and/or LGBTQIA+, but we would also love to hear from anyone with the commitment, vision and skills to help us move forward into our second decade.

If you do not have any of the above list of desired skills and experience, but are enthusiastic about the work we do, we'd still love to hear from you. You do not need any prior experience to become a Trustee with us. You've just got to love people and puppets!

Trustee Alison McGowan and family getting involved in the City of Kittiwakes (2024)



HOW TO APPLY

Please send an **up-to-date CV**, and either one **A4 page of writing OR a 2-minute video** to movingpartsproducer@gmail.com telling us:

- Why you are interested in being a Trustee for Moving Parts Arts
- What relevant skills and/or experience you would bring to the Board and the wider Moving Parts Arts team
- What excites you most about this opportunity

Need help? Please reach out to us and we can support you in your application, or answer any questions you may have.

Email us at movingpartsproducer@gmail.com

Deadline: Monday 21st September 2026

Moving Parts Arts CIO details

For more information on our current Trustees and charity filing please see our [Charity Commission](#) profile page. Charity Number: 1194137

Core Staff

Kerrin Tatwood – Artistic Director

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Molly Barrett-Manasseh – Participation & Engagement Lead

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Participants in the City of Kittiwakes Parade, 2024

