



Moving Parts Arts CIO
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MOVING PARTS ARTS CIO - TRUSTEE RECRUITMENT PACK

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.



Toon Underground Parade, 2025

Who are we?

Moving Parts Arts is an award-winning, Newcastle upon Tyne-based arts and community development organisation. We produce Newcastle Puppetry Festival, alongside dynamic outreach projects and participatory community events throughout the year. We engage 26,000+ people a year across our local communities. A belief that everyone can be creative is at the core of what we do, and that puppetry is a unique way of bringing people together and breaking down barriers. Our work is collaborative, accessible and celebratory.

We focus on free, participatory events across Newcastle, with themes that resonate with the local population. Our work has demonstrated year-on-year that it makes a measurable difference to the lives of our participants and audiences, as well as the wellbeing, creativity & connection to our home city.

“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)

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.

At Moving Parts Arts we welcome and celebrate diversity. We are a queer and female-led charity that has been organically grown from nothing into an important part of Newcastle's cultural and social wellbeing offer. We want to continue welcoming and celebrating that diversity and sense of place on our Board.

Links to current projects

[Puppet Quest!](#)

[Teeny Tiny Toon](#)

[Newcastle Puppetry Festival](#)

[Community projects overview](#)

[Workshop menu](#)

[Puppets for events](#)

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

Could you be one of our new Trustees?

As we move into our 10th year (2027), we are looking to expand our Board 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 welcome anyone with the commitment, vision and skills to help us move forward into our second decade.

We would especially like to meet individuals who:

- Are based in the North East of England
- Have experience of working and/or participating in community arts, theatre, visual arts, or in any other creative industries. We're particularly interested in people who have experience and/or a keen interest in puppetry
- Have marketing/strategic press & PR experience
- Have financial experience
- Are well connected with local communities in the North East
- Are passionate about making Newcastle a creative and colourful place to live and work

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)

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

Izaak Gledhill - Producer

Molly Barrett-Manasseh - Participation & Engagement Lead

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Delilah the Elephant at Newcastle Puppetry Festival 2025

How To Apply

Please send an up-to-date CV, and either one A4 page of writing OR a 2-minute video 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



Participants in the City of Kittiwakes Parade, 2024