

## **Ikon Gallery Trustee**

### **Job Description & Person Specification**

Ikon Gallery Ltd seeks new voluntary Trustees to join our Board at an exciting time for Ikon Gallery. We are seeking new trustees who will help to support the Chair of the Board, Director and other staff in our future programme and company development.

### **Key Objectives**

- To work closely with the Chair of the Board, Trustees and Executive at Ikon to support Ikon in the development and implementation of the strategic plan.
- To support Ikon in all areas of business and act as an ambassador for the charity.

### **Background**

Ikon is an internationally acclaimed art gallery situated in central Birmingham.

Founded in 1964 and currently housed in a magnificent neo-gothic school building, Ikon is an educational charity and works to encourage public engagement with contemporary art through exhibiting new work in a context of debate and participation. It offers free entry to all.

Ikon is an independent, not-for-profit exhibition space and the gallery programme features artists from around the world. Ikon's off-site programme develops dynamic relationships between art, artists and audiences outside the gallery. Projects vary enormously in scale, duration and location, challenging expectations of where art can be seen and by whom.

Education is at the heart of Ikon's activities, stimulating public interest in and understanding of contemporary visual art. Through a variety of talks, tours, workshops and seminars, our Learning team aims to build a meaningful relationship with Ikon's audience that enables visitors to engage with, discuss and reflect on contemporary art.

Ikon's activity not only reflects the historical circumstances of Birmingham and the country as a whole since then, but also it constitutes a distinct point of view on British post-war art history.

More information can be found at [www.ikon-gallery.org](http://www.ikon-gallery.org) and our annual report and accounts can be found on Charity Commission and Company House websites.

### **Current Board**

#### Chair of the Board

Professor Helen Higson OBE DL

*Vice Lord-Lieutenant of the West Midlands*

*Professor of Higher Education Learning and Management, Aston University*

#### Trustees

Councillor Kate Booth

*Birmingham City Council*

Rachel Chiu

*Head of Business Development, Spring Housing Association*

John Cloughton

*Former Chief Master, King Edwards School, Birmingham*

Soweto Kinch

*Award-winning alto-saxophonist and MC*

Jenny Loynton

*Director, Loynton & Co. Solicitors Ltd*

Harminder Randhawa (chair of Risk sub-committee)

*Accountant, Jaguar Land Rover*

Nick Smith

*CEO, Elonex*

### **Governance**

- To advise and support on decisions and ensure that they are in the best interests for Ikon
- Support Ikon in the development and implementation of the strategic plan
- To advise the Executive and other staff where appropriate
- To utilise skill sets to help advance Ikon into new areas and expand network connections
- To act as an ambassador for Ikon
- To work closely with the Chair of the Board and Trustees successfully to support Ikon in all areas of development and growth

### **Person specification**

- Understanding of the arts and cultural sector
- A commitment to and knowledge of contemporary art
- Understanding and commitment to delivering artistic programmes that engage with Birmingham/UK/International audiences
- Commitment to equality, diversity and inclusion
- Understanding of Ikon and the diversity of our programme
- Ability to commit to the quarterly meetings and ad-hoc meetings where applicable
- Ability to use networks to benefit Ikon

Experience of being part of a Board of Trustees is desirable but not necessary.

We are particularly interested in receiving interest from those with skills in fundraising, corporate relationships or finances, also legal skills and knowledge of charitable law. Ikon is also committed to involving practicing artists at all stages of their career in the governance of the organisation and would welcome applications from amongst this population.

We are dedicated to continue the diversification of our Board of Trustees and leadership team, and have a particular requirement for those who have lived experience and identify themselves as disabled, are Black, Asian or LGBTQ+.

## **Commitment**

Ikon's Board of Trustees meet on a quarterly basis each year.

Sub-Committee meetings meet quarterly about two weeks before the main board.

To apply please send a covering letter and CV for the attention of Ian Hyde, Company Secretary, to [office@ikon-gallery.org](mailto:office@ikon-gallery.org) and complete the online Equal Opportunities Monitoring form [here](#).

If you'd like a conversation prior to application please email to arrange.

You can also submit your application via post using the following address:

FAO: Ian Hyde  
Board of Trustees Application  
Ikon Gallery  
1 Oozells Square  
Brindleyplace  
Birmingham  
B1 2HS

The deadline for applications is 13 December at midday when applications will be reviewed and those who are successful will be contacted.

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