



New 'Graduate' Trustee Positions

Lewisham Youth Theatre is seeking two LYT members or former members aged 18-26 to join our Council of Management. This is a voluntary position that provides excellent experience and a chance to contribute your skills and perspective to make a real difference in how LYT serves the local community.

Volunteer Term: 1 year as a full Trustee from July 2021, with the option to continue to volunteer as Trustees at the end of the 1-year term.

Dates:

Application Deadline: 1st June 2021

Initial Interviews: week commencing 7th June

Meet the Board event: Saturday 20th June

Appointment & Paperwork: June - July 2021

Initial role mentorship & training: July-August 2021

1st Board Meeting as Trustee: Tuesday 7th September, 6.30 – 8pm

About the Trustee Role:

Trustees provide strategic oversight, helping to make sure the Artistic and Executive Directors are making decisions that are legal, financially responsible and meet the needs of participants and the community. This is a leadership role that helps the organisation make sure that it is providing a quality service.

We are looking for two young adults aged 18-26 who have been involved with LYT as a participants to bring to the role your skills, understanding of the needs of local young people and passion for supporting the wellbeing and life chances of young people in the local community.

As a Graduate Trustee, you will:

- Work as a team with the other Trustees to make sure LYT is meeting its legal and financial obligations
- Contribute your perspective about how LYT can best achieve its mission to build the wellbeing and life chances of young people
- Help build a new strategy for LYT's next 5 years (2022 – 2027)

You will gain:

- Experience in organisational & project management, including budget management
- Leadership skills
- Networking with professionals from a wide variety of fields including arts, finance, public sector, law, PR and IT.
- Access to free training
- Mentoring to help you learn the Trustee role and articulate your new skills in your CV

Commitment & Expectations: Trustees are expected to:

- Attend 4 x quarterly Council of Management meetings per year, weekdays 7pm -9pm (Usually early September, December, February and May)
- Attend an annual Saturday away-day (usually in June)
- Attend the Annual General Meeting (usually in October)
- Attend performances and special events produced by the company
- Prepare for meetings by reviewing papers and having an up-to-date understanding of the issues facing the organisation
- Support the executive team (Artistic & Executive Director) through informed questioning and oversight to ensure the company's legal responsibilities and strategic objectives are achieved
- Advise the charity on issues arising, particularly within your skill or experience area
- Promote the organisation's work through your networks and positively represent the organisation at all times
- Support the organisation's fundraising through introductions, promotion and fundraising events
- Although there is no expectation that trustees will make a personal financial contribution to the charity, the Council of Management as a whole have an annual fundraising target laid out in the [Strategic Plan](#).

More information on Lewisham Youth Theatre and the legal responsibilities of trustees can be found in this [information pack](#).

How To Apply:

If you are interested in applying for a Trustee position, please fill in the Graduate Trustee application form.

Return the form by Tuesday 1st June to: recruitment@lewishamyouththeatre.com

To chat more about the role and to discuss how your skills and experience might benefit LYT, please contact Victoria:

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