



## Board Member Recruitment

PUSH THE BOAT OUT is currently looking for three new Trustees to join its Board. We are looking for Trustees who can contribute skills and experience to our organisation's rapidly growing profile.

Push the Boat out is an award-winning annual festival (taking place from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> November this year) with a growing year-round programme and forming a unique and vital part of Scotland's art ecology. It is Edinburgh's first and only poetry festival, and one of only two in the whole of Scotland. Fresh, vibrant and innovative it strives to increase the diversity of poetry in Scotland - in form, cross-artform pollination, the voices platformed and those who feel welcomed as part of our audiences and participants.

Our Vision is a world where poetry in all its myriad forms can grow, evolve, and expand its boundaries as a vibrant and meaningful part of people's everyday lives.

Our mission is to bring artists, audiences, and participants together to access, create, celebrate, and make meaning through experiencing the vibrant range of contemporary poetry and related artforms from Scotland and beyond, both at the annual festival and year-round programme.

Active since 2020, but recently registered as a charity, you will join 4 existing Board members to provide strategic support and governance to the team. We are interested in finding candidates who have skills and experience in at least two of following areas:

- Fundraising and philanthropy
- Sustainability and environment
- Financial management
- Governance and board protocol
- Literature and/or poetry specialism
- Equality, diversity and inclusion

In particular, we would welcome candidates from diverse backgrounds who can help shape the future of the festival.

A minimum of 4 annual board meetings are held online and in person, with some input based on skills and interest required in between meetings. Board members are expected to be available during the festival.

Interested parties are invited to submit a letter of interest of no more than 1 page, highlighting relevant skills and/or experience along with a CV to:

[recruitment@pushtheboatout.org](mailto:recruitment@pushtheboatout.org)

If you would like to have an informal conversation prior to application, please contact us at [recruitment@pushtheboatout.org](mailto:recruitment@pushtheboatout.org) and either our Director or Chairperson will get in touch.

Deadline: 9am, Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Candidates who are short-listed will be invited to meet with the interview panel online on weeks beginning 15 July and 22<sup>nd</sup> July.

Location: Edinburgh/hybrid or Online

For further information about the organisation see our website <https://pushtheboatout.org/> and social media channels (all @PTBOPoetry)