

TRUSTEE ELECTIONS 2018

The Arts Society needs Trustees who can develop clear policies for the Charity and monitor their achievement and who have a keen interest in furthering its strategic aims. Of course, there are always particular skills we need – experience of marketing and information technology being just two examples – but the most important aspect is being a good communicator, able to represent The Arts Society and the Board both within (at Area meetings, for example) and to the wider world.

The primary purpose of any charity Trustee is to ensure good governance, overseeing the work of the charity without getting too involved in the detail. This is a responsible position but not onerous, and there is plenty of expert training available for those who require it.

While individual Trustees must not allow themselves to be considered as representatives of any particular region, activity or interest group, it is clearly desirable to achieve a Board which overall balances age, gender and geographical area. There is just one other requirement – you must be a member of The Arts Society.

Those interested in standing should be aware that members of the Advisory Council, Society Chairmen or members of Area Committees cannot at the same time serve as Trustees and would have to relinquish these appointments if elected. The President, Vice Presidents and serving Trustees cannot nominate candidates for Trustee Elections.

Candidates are also invited to The Arts Society House to make a short film (no more than three minutes) of their response to one or more questions set by the Trustee Board; the films will be available for voting members to view on our website. The questions will be made available to candidates in advance. This is not compulsory for candidates, but is offered as an enhancement to their candidate information.

If you think you have the personal or professional skills to join the Board, why not put your name forward? Any member is eligible, so please share this email with your Society. If you require further information please contact Florian Schweizer or Tim Nicholls at The Arts Society House.

The free tickets for the Westminster Abbey service at 12 noon on 16 May 2018 are going fast; you may book your places here. Members are also welcome at the AGM at 2.30pm the same day in Westminster Central Hall, but tickets for the Abbey are not dependent on attendance at the AGM. You may book a place at the AGM or for many interesting events the day before.

If you are interested please contact the TASB Chairman, Jen Collins.