



Support the Arts in Southwold: **Become a Trustee**



**Help us
shape the
future!**



ABOUT US

Southwold Arts Centre is a thriving arts and community venue at St Edmund's Hall in the heart of Southwold. Originally built in 1934 and rebuilt in 1952 as a functional theatre following wartime damage, it has become a much-loved cultural hub serving Southwold, Suffolk and the wider East Anglian region. The venue presents over 170 events each year, including theatre, music, film, comedy, literary events, festivals and community activities, while also hosting classes, meetings and celebrations. A cornerstone of our programme is the renowned Southwold Summer Theatre, which has delighted audiences for almost 75 years.

As a registered charity, Southwold Arts Centre exists to provide high-quality, inspirational and creative experiences that are inclusive, welcoming, affordable and accessible to all. We believe that culture and creativity have the power to transform lives and strengthen communities.

OUR VISION

We are committed to ensuring the long-term success of Southwold Arts Centre as a vibrant, welcoming and sustainable cultural venue. We aim to:

- Secure the Centre's long-term financial stability
- Enhance our facilities for artists and audiences
- Provide a community space that meets local needs
- Deliver a rich and varied programme of events
- Increase access to arts and culture for all sectors of the community
- Advance sustainability throughout our operations

These ambitions are guided by our commitment to collaboration, community engagement, artistic excellence and inclusivity



JOIN OUR BOARD



The Role

Southwold Arts Centre is managed by Sole Bay Arts CIO, a registered charity governed by a Board of Trustees. As we enter an exciting period of development and growth, we are seeking new Trustees to help shape the future of this important cultural institution.

We are looking for people who are passionate about the arts, community participation and the future of the Arts Centre and the communities it serves. Trustees play a vital role in setting the strategic direction of the Arts Centre, ensuring good governance, supporting our staff and volunteers, and acting as ambassadors for the organisation. Whether you are an experienced trustee or considering your first trustee role, we would be delighted to hear from you.

We Are Particularly Interested In People With Experience In:

- Programme Planning
- Fundraising and philanthropy
- Strategic and financial planning
- Marketing, communications and audience development
- Building management & technical support
- Legal or governance matters
- Community engagement and education
- Sustainability and environmental practice
- Venue operations, volunteers and staff.

We are especially keen to broaden the diversity of skills, backgrounds, ages and perspectives represented on our Board and encourage applications from individuals who reflect the communities we serve.





Knowledge and Qualities

We are looking for people who can demonstrate:

- Commitment to the values and mission of Southwold Arts Centre
- Strategic thinking and sound judgement
- A collaborative and constructive hands on approach
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills
- Integrity and a willingness to contribute actively
- Enthusiasm for supporting arts and community activity
- Understanding of the opportunities and challenges facing charities and cultural organisations

Commitment

The Board meets quarterly throughout the year, with trustees also engaging in other activities as aligned to their expertise.

Trustees are expected to:

- Attend and contribute to Board meetings
- Support the strategic development of the Arts Centre
- Act as ambassadors within the community
- Provide advice and expertise when required
- Attend events and engage with our audiences, volunteers and supporters

This is a voluntary role, but it offers the opportunity to make a meaningful contribution to one of Suffolk's most important cultural venues.

How to Apply

If you would like an informal conversation about becoming a Trustee, please email **sac.recruitment@icloud.com** and a trustee will get back to you.

Expressions of interest, together with a brief CV and a short statement outlining why you would like to join the Board, should be sent to:

sac.recruitment@icloud.com



Southwold Arts Centre is committed to equality, diversity and inclusion and welcomes applications from all suitably qualified individuals regardless of age, disability, ethnicity, gender identity, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation, socio-economic background or any other protected characteristic.