



VOLUNTEER TRUSTEES WANTED

Wassail is Somerset's theatre company and a charity registered in England & Wales (no 1171647). We are looking for volunteers to join our board of trustees and to help us in the next stage of our development.

Our mission is to use theatre as a catalyst for creating healthy, culturally connected communities. When we refer to Somerset, we mean the ceremonial county which includes Somerset, North Somerset and Bath & North East Somerset. [You can find out more about our work here.](#)

We value the unique diversity of communities that make Somerset the place it is. We stand for equality, representation and inclusion for all. We are committed to ensuring that our Governance reflects this statement.

WHO WE'RE LOOKING FOR

We'd like to invite people from any background living in Somerset, the south west and nationally to join our board of trustees. No experience of theatre, Somerset or the charity sector is required.

We currently have six trustees who represent the following perspectives:

- White British; male; female
- Age 30-70
- South Somerset; Bath & North East Somerset; Mendip; London; National
- Performer; production; creative; producer; arts management
- Touring theatre (rural & national); venue management (producing & receiving, small/mid/large scale); commercial & subsidised
- Further Education; Higher Education
- Financial management

We would like to diversify our Governance so if you don't feel you are represented here but feel you could contribute to our mission, please get in touch.

We are also keen to strengthen what we already have so if you're worried you might be duplicating something we've already got, don't let that put you off.

Our rules dictate that we can have a maximum of 12 trustees at any given time.

SUPPORT & ACCESS

If you're interested in joining us but you feel daunted by a lack of experience in a role like this, please let us know. It may be possible for one of our existing trustees to support you.

If you feel you may have any barriers to access, please let us know as we would like to do everything we can to make it easier for trustees to attend meetings.

WHAT DOES A CHARITY TRUSTEE DO?

Charity trustees are the people who share ultimate responsibility for governing a charity and directing how it is managed and run. [You can find out more about being a trustee here.](#)

Wassail's board of trustees currently meet once every three months to discuss the charity's performance with the management team. Meetings are held online via Zoom. Trustees also provide support for the management team on an ad hoc basis outside of these formal meetings.

WHAT TO DO NEXT

Please email wasson@wassailtheatre.co.uk to:

- Find out more about potentially becoming a trustee before making a commitment
- Nominate yourself via letter, video or audio recording. Please include your CV if you have one
- Sign up to our mailing list

Our next board meeting is due to take place in January 2021 with the following one due in April 2021. We may invite you to attend either of those meetings, if you're available, before our current trustees consider your application.