

# Chivers TRUST

## Chivers Trust Board Recruitment

### Information for prospective members who are interested in joining the board of trustees

Chivers Trust is a charity which was established in memory of Roy Chivers in 2007. Chaired by Caroline Chivers, the trust provides grants that enable young people in Norfolk and Suffolk to participate in projects that build confidence, creativity and aspirations through the arts, giving children from disadvantaged backgrounds the opportunity to take part in projects involving live singing, drama, music, dance, movement and working with professionals across art forms.

Over the past two decades, Chivers Trust has supported hundreds of young people to take part in projects, performances and workshops across the region, often in collaboration with schools, theatre groups, arts organisations and professional performers. You can view an archive of projects that the Trust has supported on the website [chiverstrust.org.uk](http://chiverstrust.org.uk)

This is an exciting time to join the Board as the Trust strengthens its governance and extends its reach. We are looking for individuals who share a passion for providing engaging opportunities for young people and can bring experience, insight and enthusiasm to the work of the Trust.

We encourage applications from people with of all ages, backgrounds and experiences, to help ensure that the Board reflects the communities we serve. We would also particularly welcome applicants with experience in one or more of the following:

- Public State Education, youth or community engagement
- Arts and cultural development
- Charity governance or strategic planning
- Marketing, partnerships or communications

### **How to Apply**

If you are interested in becoming a Trustee, please email a short statement (maximum two pages) outlining your background, relevant experience and why you would like to join the Chivers Trust. You may also include a brief CV if helpful.

**For an informal discussion about the role, please contact the Chair [info@chiverstrust.org.uk](mailto:info@chiverstrust.org.uk) and you may also call Caroline Chivers on 07767 785924.**

## **Trustee Role Description/Purpose**

Trustees are responsible for the overall governance, strategic direction and financial oversight of the Chivers Trust, helping to ensure the charity fulfils its objectives, complies with legal and regulatory requirements and uses resources effectively to benefit young people through the arts.

## **Person Specification**

We are looking for individuals who demonstrate:

- A strong commitment to the aims and values of the Chivers Trust.
- An interest in education, youth engagement and the performing arts.
- Good interpersonal skills and an ability to contribute constructively to Board discussions.
- Professional experience or personal insight in relevant fields
- The ability to work collaboratively and respect different viewpoints.
- Availability to represent the Trust at events to report back on a selection of projects that the Trust has supported.
- Eligibility to act as a charity trustee under UK law.

## **Commitment**

Approximately five (day-time) board meetings per year with additional involvement in occasional interim discussions and be proactive in attending events as appropriate.

## **Remuneration**

This is a voluntary position. Reasonable travel expenses will be reimbursed.

## **Benefits**

Serving as a Trustee of the Chivers Trust is a rewarding opportunity to make a direct impact on young people's lives through the arts, while developing your own professional insight.

**For further information about what it means to be a charity trustee:**  
see the [Charity Commission's guide The Essential Trustee](#)

**You can find out about the Trust's previous work here:**

<https://chiverstrust.org.uk/>