

FIRST LIGHT FESTIVAL

Role: First Light Festival C.I.C Director

Salary: Voluntary with ability to claim reasonable expenses

Responsible for: Oversight of First Light Festival C.I.C's strategic objectives, with particular specialism in finance.

Working with: Board of Directors/ Finance Manager

Location: We are based in Lowestoft, Suffolk. We expect this role to work remotely.

About the role

First Light Festival C.I.C is seeking to appoint a talented and enterprising Director to complement and strengthen the existing skills and experience of our committed Board of Directors.

First Light Festival C.I.C Directors provide collective governance leadership of the organisation in support of its community interest objectives. Directors play a key role in setting the strategic direction of the organisation and development of policies, strategies, business and operational plans, ensuring they are efficiently delivered and that resources are used appropriately.

This particular role encompasses oversight of the financial aspects of our business plan. We are looking for someone who can bring their experience, expertise and innovative thinking to the development and delivery of the organisation's financial strategy, including oversight and improvement of financial performance, operations, systems and compliance.

First Light Festival C.I.C Directors are also expected to be ambassadors for the organisation, using their own networks to broker strategic partnerships, projects and plans to help realise our ambitions and make a real difference to Lowestoft.

First Light Festival C.I.C Directors meet quarterly. There may also be occasions where you will be asked to represent the organisation at appropriate events

Who we're looking for

We are seeking expertise specifically in finance but previous trustee experience or experience of working in the cultural or creative sector is not essential. Ideally you will be personally passionate about arts and culture and understand the transformative impact it can have on people's lives. If you have a desire to contribute to a growing creative organisation and your values align with the core values of First Light Festival C.I.C, we would like to hear from you.

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We strongly recognise that our Board has some way to go to better represent the diversity of modern Britain. We recognise that if you are from a background that is currently underrepresented within the cultural sector you may need support to discuss how your experience is transferable to this role and there may be changes we need to make as an organisation to ensure you can fully contribute. We welcome these discussions and encourage you to get in touch for an informal chat to explore these questions.

Background

Established in 2018 to spearhead cultural regeneration for the coastal town of Lowestoft, First Light Festival C.I.C. is currently led by four skilled directors: cultural entrepreneur and national, urban and coastal regeneration design leader Wayne Hemingway MBE, dynamic, regional cultural leader Genevieve Christie, natural environment and science authority Clare Matterson CBE, and marketing specialist and Suffolk Business Ambassador Mary Graham.

First Light Festival is an ambitious, innovative, place-making arts festival taking place on Lowestoft's South Beach over 24 hours of midsummer weekend, with sunrise as a central part of the programme. The transformative impact of the 2019 festival, with more than 30,000 attendees, was felt across community cohesion, arts sector development, cultural tourism and local government, and continues to resonate, positioning First Light as a central tenet of Lowestoft's cultural regeneration vision and planning for the town.

First Light also works year-round to engage with hard-to-reach audiences through large scale community projects and arts and music workshops in schools. From spring 2022 we will be resident at the newly renovated East Point Pavilion, delivering a programme of engagement and cultural activities for and with our community.

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How to apply

Informal chat – if you are thinking of applying and would like to discuss anything with us in advance, please get in touch for an informal chat with Genevieve Christie genevieve@firstlightlowestoft.com

Application form – please send your CV and a short statement in written, audio or video file format to explain your interest in the role to Genevieve Christie genevieve@firstlightlowestoft.com

Interviews – Shortlisted candidates will be invited to a formal interview - we will communicate full details of this in advance.

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