



Vacancy: Chair, Board of Trustees

Street Orchestra Live (SOL) exists to take orchestral music out of the concert hall and into the community. We believe access to live music is a vital and enriching part of life and everyone has an equal right to its benefits. We visit open access spaces such as shopping centres, parks and hospitals, and closed spaces like nursing homes, prisons and schools.

Everyone in SOL believes passionately that music, especially so-called classical music, should not be exclusive but available to anyone that would like to listen. We offer our concerts with an open hand for listeners to take from it what they wish or what they need. Some dance. Some sing along. Some take inspiration. Many people tell us how uplifted they feel watching and listening to us. Check out our testimonials (right).

Our players come from across the UK, and many are at music college or study music at university. Some are now activity pursuing careers as freelance musicians, and some simply enjoying playing in their free time. Players can also develop other skills by presenting concerts, arranging music for the orchestra, or trying out their improvisation skills.

We are currently recruiting for a new Chair.

Role title: Chair

Responsible for: The Board of Trustees / SOL Management Team

Purpose of the role:

- to lead the Committee in ensuring the adequate performance of its governance responsibilities
- to work in partnership with the Management Team to help them achieve the objects set for the organisation
- to ensure there is a productive relationship between the Board of Trustees, the Management Team, and the organisation's volunteers, members, and stakeholders.

Main duties:

NB: some of the tasks listed below may be delegated to other Board members.

- Chair Committee meetings so that the Committee functions effectively and carries out its duties
- Ensure the Committee sets an overall direction (strategy) for the organisation with clear policy objectives

- Ensure the business of meetings is dealt with, and decisions, when required, are arrived at and recorded, and their implementation monitored
- Ensure the organisation's financial dealings are prudently and systematically accounted for, audited, or independently examined, and publicly available
- Ensure the Committee regularly reviews its structure, role, and relationship to stakeholders, including volunteers and stakeholders and implements change as necessary
- Ensure, with the Management Team, that Board members receive appropriate advice, training, and information relating to their role
- Serve as an additional promoter of the organisation to relevant stakeholders
- Help the Management Team achieve the objects set for the organisation
- Ensure the Board develops a long-term strategy for the organisation with objectives which can be monitored
- Monitor progress in implementing the annual work plan
- Ensure appropriate goals are set for the resources available to the organisation
- Ensure appropriate arrangements are in place to support, monitor and review the work of the Management Team,
- Help promote the organisation to a broader audience of potential funders and beneficiaries
- Ensure the organisation has appropriate procedures to:
 - comply with current legislation and good practice, including employment, health and safety, non-discrimination
 - advertise for, interview and select contractors
- Agree, with the Management Team, an annual schedule for Board meetings and key events
- Through the Management Team, ensure appropriate communication between the Board and contractors, volunteers, members, and other stakeholders

Key qualities:

- Knowledge of and commitment to the work of the organisation
- Good meeting and communication / presentation skills
- Supportive and confident leadership style

Street Orchestra Live aims to be an equal opportunities organisation, and we are determined to ensure that no applicant, volunteer or contractor receives less favourable treatment on the grounds of gender, age, disability, religion, belief, sexual orientation, marital status, or race, or is disadvantaged by conditions or requirements which cannot be shown to be justifiable. We will take steps within our power and resources to meet this responsibility.

If you are interested in any of the positions above, please email your CV and a covering email outlining your expression of interest to: info@streetorchestra.co.uk