

## **We're looking for Trustees to join us**

**Deadline for applications: Friday 30 August, 2019**

**The Atkinson Development Trust is a small charity, run by a small, committed group of skilled volunteers who have a shared love of The Atkinson. We are looking to recruit some new Trustees to join our Board.**

### **What we do**

We raise money - from individuals, businesses and funding bodies - in order to support The Atkinson to use its heritage and art collections to connect with people.

We believe in the transformative power of art and we believe that communities thrive best when they have civic pride and a sense of place. Through partnership with The Atkinson we aim to:

- \* have a positive impact on local people's lives
- \* connect people with local stories
- \* improve access to the collections and the building

### **How we work**

We meet monthly, usually from 5-7pm, either at The Atkinson or Southport Town Hall.

Whilst maintaining the legal formalities, we aim to foster an informal atmosphere in which all individuals are invited to contribute to the discussion. We want people to actively participate, be heard and feel valued for their knowledge and ideas. As well as attending meetings regularly, Trustees need to be willing to take on some individual responsibility outside the Trust's meetings to advance ideas which the Trust have agreed to.

We work supportively with The Atkinson to expand and enhance their work. We do not work directly with beneficiaries and we do not influence the programming or running of the venue.

### **What we're looking for**

We're looking to recruit three Trustees who will contribute the energy, enthusiasm and expertise we need in order to grow and thrive.

We're particularly interested to hear from people with skills and experience in the following areas:

- \* Fundraising
- \* Law, including charity law
- \* Marketing
- \* the arts and heritage sector

## **The Role of Trustee**

Essential requirements:

- Able to attend a majority of the monthly meetings
- Willing to contribute and participate in an open-minded, collaborative and positive manner
- Committed to our social objectives
- Interested in arts and heritage
- Legally eligible to act as a trustee under charity law
- Willingness to attend social events at The Atkinson (e.g. exhibition launches) and act as an advocate for the work of the Trust.

Desirable requirements:

- Previous experience of fundraising or working in the arts and/or social impact e.g. third sector
- A working knowledge of the borough of Sefton

For more information, please see the accompanying full role description.

**We think being a Trustee is rewarding, but please note this is a completely voluntary, unpaid role.**

## **How to apply**

We welcome applications regardless of ethnicity, age, gender, sexuality, disability or location.

If you'd like to put yourself forward as a potential candidate, please write us a letter of application outlining your suitability and interest in the role, accompanied by a brief CV.

Deadline for applications is midnight, Friday 30 August 2019

## **What happens next?**

After the deadline, we'll make a shortlist of people to meet with. We'll get in touch with the people on our shortlist within 2 weeks of the deadline to arrange meeting up for an informal interview.

If both parties are happy to proceed, candidates will then be invited to observe a meeting to see how we work and meet with the rest of the Trustees. Successful candidates will be formally invited to join the Trust, and they must formally respond in writing to accept.

## **Interested?**

If you'd like to have an informal chat to start with, please drop a line to [atkinsontrustees@sefton.gov.uk](mailto:atkinsontrustees@sefton.gov.uk) and we'll be in touch to arrange it.