



Applications open for Young Board Member for a Scottish Social Circus Charity

Think Circus SCIO is seeking a young person (aged 18-24) with lived experience of circus changing their life for the better, to join our Board on a voluntary basis for 1-2 years. This is an unpaid role. No prior experience of being a Board member is necessary.

Having been active for 7 years, Think Circus is a social circus charity based in Leith. We take circus beyond the big top, running projects for children and young people to build their confidence, encourage creativity and improve wellbeing. Profits from our commercial work subsidise our social circus outreach, and we currently deliver free and subsidised community classes each week for adults and children in Leith and Craigmillar. Visit thinkcircus.co.uk to find out more about our organisation and what we do.

Think Circus works with 55 circus freelancers of different ground-based specialisms (juggling, hula hoop, stilt-walking, unicycle, acrobatics and more), alongside a small team of regular volunteers and a core team of 4 staff members.

We need the help of a circus-experienced, committed individual who will join our Board and play an important role in considering the needs of our participants and beneficiaries, as we plan our future activities. The successful candidate will bring a can-do approach, an understanding of circus and the benefits it can bring for children and young people, and a desire to see circus flourish in Edinburgh and beyond.

Board members help steer the strategic direction of the organisation, oversee its effective governance, ensure financial accountability and support the delivery of our social circus programmes. The successful candidate will believe in the power of creative arts and community to change lives, and will be a highly effective communicator. Recent experience of working as a circus artist in Scotland would be desirable. You will work alongside our current Board members, who have expertise in fundraising, strategic business development, circus arts, event production and youth work.

Applications are invited from anyone who has an interest in overseeing the development of a rising social enterprise. We encourage applications from suitably experienced candidates regardless of sex, race, disability, age, sexual orientation, gender, religion or belief, marital status, pregnancy or parental status.

The initial appointment is for a one year term, with the possibility of re-appointment up to a maximum combined length of three years.

The commitment: Board Meetings are held online up to 5 times annually at last approximately 90 minutes. Additional tasks and duties may occasionally arise outwith these meetings.

To find out more or to apply, please send an email to hi@thinkcircus.co.uk, including details of your experience, why you are interested in working with us, and any relevant information.