



Seeking Board Members for a Scottish Social Circus Charity

Think Circus SCIO is looking for new Trustees, who will help support our small charity to deliver free social circus classes to children and young people in deprived areas. Experience of managing a charity or small business would be highly beneficial, as would an understanding of community arts changing lives for the better. Trustees will join our Board on a voluntary basis for 2 years. This is an unpaid role. No prior experience of being a Board member is necessary.

We are particularly seeking applications from individuals with experience in the following areas:
Marketing, Fundraising, HR or Accounting

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 (fire, light and stiltwalking entertainment) 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. Our team are guided by core values of connection, quality and play, and we hope to find new Trustees who align with these values.

We need the help of several committed individuals who will join our Board and play an important role in supporting our social mission. As part of the Board of Trustees, you will make strategic decisions that will help to future-proof our organization. Our professional work supports established and developing circus artists to sustain artistic careers in Scotland, and we have a long-term goal of reducing our dependence on grant funding by increasing our commercial income. The successful candidate will bring experience and knowledge, a committed and whole-hearted approach, and an understanding of community arts and the benefits they can bring for children and young people.

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. 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 two 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 and last approximately 90 minutes. Small 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.