

## **Coventry Music Board – Call Out for Members**

Coventry is a music city. A city which prides itself on its music heritage and musical movements and significant artists including Delia Derbyshire, Panjabi MC, Pauline Black the Eclipse nightclub to 2 Tone, Hazel O'Connor, Jay 1 and Pa Saleiu. The city is home to a diverse music ecosystem of festivals, studios, community radio stations, labels, talented artists, promoters and technicians.

Whilst Coventry boasts a whole array of talent, it faces many of the same challenges the music sector is facing in cities across the UK, particularly given the impact of the COVID19 pandemic. Two recent reports (Midlands Music Research and Consultation commissioned by Arts Council England and Coventry Music Sector Report by Sound Diplomacy commissioned by Coventry City of Culture Trust) have shed light on Coventry's music sector, putting forward the compelling recommendation to build and utilise the strength of networks.

To enable Coventry's music sector to flourish Coventry City of Culture Trust (CCCT) is supporting the creation of a Coventry Music Board, a democratically elected group of members who will drive forward change within the city.

We are looking for 10-14 board members to form the city's first music board.

### **Purpose/Aims of the Group**

Coventry Music Board aims to support the music sector in Coventry by connecting industry professionals, music education and statutory organisations to work together to:

- Reduce silos, increase awareness of and amongst the music community.
- Represent the music sector in Coventry and connect with other cities and regions to share best practise, information and talent exchange.
- Establish, promote and maintain a music-friendly city.
- Consider the two recent reports on the West Midlands and Coventry music sector and where possible implement recommendations set out.
- Act as a board member on the West Midlands Music Board
- Maximising the opportunity and legacy of Coventry City of Culture 2021.

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## Principles of Membership

The Coventry Music Board will be made up of 10-14 representatives from Coventry's music sector (those living or working within a CV postcode). This could include, but is not limited to, musicians, music venues, community centres, promoters, music educators, labels, studios, technicians, publicists etc.

We are looking for individuals with a track record of leadership and those dedicated to using their knowledge and experience to support Coventry's music sector flourish. The board will represent the breadth of the industry, its musical genres, and the diverse demographic of the city.

Each member will be elected for a one-year term. The board will meet a minimum of six times per year (every two months). One member of the board members shall be elected as Chair and one member as Vice Chair/Secretary. One member of the board will also be nominated as the dedicated representative on the West Midlands Music Board.

Whilst the purpose and aims of the board are stated above the board members will be responsible for driving forward the agenda and programme, responding strategically to the needs of the sector. Board members will actively undertake to stay informed of local developments, industry needs, and national and international initiatives which might be relevant to Coventry's music sector.

Board members will volunteer their time and will not be financially remunerated for their participation on the board. Out of pocket expenses will be made available to board members.

Coventry City of Culture Trust will not be a board member but will support with recruitment, initial coordination and ensuring that the board adheres to its Terms of Reference.

## Recruitment

Interested applicants should fill in an application form below or alternatively, you may want to submit a video application where you respond to each of the questions. This can be in English or British Sign Language.

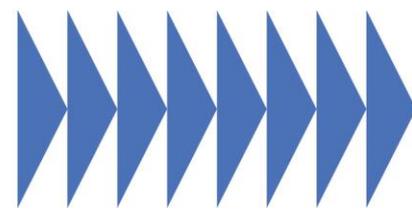
For those submitting video applications you may send us your videos directly or upload it onto a file sharing platform like Vimeo or Youtube. Videos do not need to be highly edited; they can simply be a recording of you chatting directly to camera via your phone or laptop. If your media is password protected, please include the password.

Application link to include the following questions - Please keep your answer to no more than 750 words (maximum 5 minutes for video applicants).

- Tell us about your role within Coventry's music sector (and CV postcode area). Let us know what you do, detailing the specific music sector you work within (i.e venue, music education, technician etc).
- What, in your opinion, makes Coventry a unique 'music city'?
- Why do you want to join the board and how would you use your expertise to support the music sector in the city? If possible, please include previous examples of how you have shown leadership or strategically supported the sector.



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- What are the urgent issues which need resolving within Coventry's music sector? What practical, deliverable solutions would you propose?
- Please let us know if you would like to be considered as the Chair or Vice Chair/Secretary of the board. Include details as to why you are suitable for this position. Once the board members have been selected the Chair and Vice Chair/Secretary will be elected by the board.

Applicants are required to complete an anonymous equal opportunities form.

### **Selection Process**

Coventry City of Culture Trust (CCCT) will oversee a transparent selection process.

The panel will access the applications according to the following criteria:

- Diversity (including age, disability, ethnicity, gender and other protected characteristics)
- Music sector (musicians, music venues, community centres, promoters, music educators, labels, studios, technicians, publicities etc)
- Track record of leadership and dedication to support Coventry's music sector

### **Selection Timeline**

Call out announced: 15<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Q&A session: w/c 26<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Call out deadline: 16<sup>th</sup> August 2021

Selection process: 16<sup>th</sup> August– 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021

Elected Board Members Announced: w/c 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021

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