



WILHELMINA BARNS-GRAHAM TRUST

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Welcome

Thank you for your interest in becoming a trustee. We are looking for trustees who can provide new voices in line with the Trust's aims and values and encourage applicants from diverse backgrounds and with a wide range of life experiences.

Wilhelmina Barns-Graham Trust

Important post-war British artist Wilhelmina Barns-Graham, CBE (1912-2004), established the Trust in 1987, becoming active following her death in 2004. Through exhibitions, web resources, talks and publications, it aims to promote and broaden the understanding and reputation of her work as one of Britain's most significant 20th century artists, managing the art and archive collections Barns-Graham left to the Trust. The Trust also actively supports individuals to fulfil their potential in the visual arts by providing financial support in education and funding artists' residencies. Based in central Edinburgh the day-to-day running of the Trust is managed by a small staff team of four – Director, Collections Manager, Archivist and Finance & Office Manager, assisted by a small number of student interns and volunteers.

For further background visit - <https://www.barns-grahamtrust.org.uk/>

The role of the board of trustees

To be a trustee of an organisation is an engaging and fulfilling role. The role of a trustee is to ensure that the Wilhelmina Barns-Graham Trust fulfils its charitable objectives as successfully as possible. The trustee board must always act in the best interests of the Trust and must act as a group and not as individuals. Trustees are expected to actively promote both the life and work of Wilhelmina Barns-Graham and the activities of the Trust.

The WBGT Board

The WBGT Board is currently comprised of seven trustees. The trustees' role is a voluntary position and not remunerated, but reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred fulfilling the duties of the role, including travel to meetings which are usually held in central Edinburgh will be reimbursed. Trustees are expected to attend four in person (remote attendance would be in extraordinary circumstances only) board meetings annually, normally within the hours of 10am to 3.30pm. Additionally, trustees are invited to represent the charity at relevant events and functions through the course of the year. The term for trustees is three years with the option for reappointment twice.



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The statutory duties of a trustee are:

- Ensuring the organisation complies with its governing document in accordance with OSCR regulations.
- Ensuring the organisation pursues its objectives as defined in its governing documents (Deeds and Constitution).
- Ensuring the organisation applies its resources exclusively in pursuance of its objectives.
- Contributing actively to the Board of Trustees' role in developing strategic direction for the organisation, setting overall policy, defining goals and evaluating performance.
- Safeguarding the good name and values of the organisation.
- Ensuring the effective and efficient administration and financial stability of the organisation.
- Protecting and managing the property of the organisation and to ensure the proper investment of the organisation's funds.

The benefits of becoming a trustee

By taking on a trustee role, you can actively contribute to the work of the Trust and make a meaningful difference. You will have the chance to deepen your skillset, broaden your network, and gain understanding of charity governance. Trustee experiences commonly involve leadership, teamwork, communication and the ability to create change. You will -

- Develop skills in new areas
- Contribute to the promotion of art, culture and heritage
- Contribute to the long-term vision and direction of the Trust



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Person Specification

- Commitment to the purpose, values and mission of the WBG Trust
- Willingness to meet the time requirement for being a Trustee
- Commitment to equality, diversity and inclusion (EDI)
- Commitment to environmental responsibility
- Commitment to acting transparently and with integrity
- Strategic vision
- Ability to think creatively and the confidence to make recommendations and provide advice at Board level
- Willingness to share perspectives openly, listen actively, respond to constructive comments from Board colleagues and contribute skills and experience
- Ability to work effectively as a member of a team and to take decisions for the good of the WBG Trust that reflect the views of the wider Board.

Experience

Individuals are sought who have a range of experience, skills, and expertise, an interest in art, supporting the development of artists and charitable governance. We are currently seeking candidates particularly with experience of managing finances and investments, business experience and/or art-focused legal knowledge (ie copyright, intellectual property etc) and welcome applicants with a diverse range of life experiences and identities, based anywhere in the UK.

Application

Please submit a short covering letter expressing your interest in the role and your reasons for applying. It is important to also describe how your skills and experience will help you fulfil the responsibilities of the role and reach its potential. Please also include a brief current CV (with referees), to rob.airey@barns-grahamtrust.org.uk by Friday 18 September.

If you'd like an informal discussion about the role please contact either the Trust Director, Rob Airey on 0131 209 7870 / rob.airey@barns-grahamtrust.org.uk or current Trust Chair, Karyn Watt - karynwatt0@gmail.com.