



INFORMATION ABOUT BEING A TRUSTEE

St Magnus Festival (the Festival) is a Registered Scottish Charity and a Limited Company (OSCR registration no: SC011666) which organises the St Magnus International Festival (SMIF): Orkney's midsummer celebration of the Arts. Founded in 1977, SMIF has become a significant event in the UK's Arts year and has gained a reputation for high quality performance and creative work in particular commissioning new work, bringing high quality performance to Orkney and for community involvement .

The Festival employs a part-time, freelance Festival Director, Alasdair Nicolson, who leads the organisation and is responsible for the artistic programming. There is full-time Festival Manager, supported by a number of other part time team members who carry out the work of making the Festival happen, further supported by numerous volunteers.

The Festival relies on raising funds of approximately £400,000 each year to stage the SMIF: from public bodies, private trusts, companies and individuals and ticket revenue.

St Magnus Festival is seeking additional Trustees with a range of expertise to join its Board. The Board may have between 6 and 12 members and holds approximately 6-8 meetings per year, led by the Chair. Board meetings take place online with typically one in person meeting per year.

The post of Director is voluntary and attracts no remuneration, expenses or discounts on Festival tickets.

The Roles and Responsibilities of Trustees

Trustees will be expected to

- contribute actively to the Board in giving firm strategic direction to St Magnus Festival, setting overall policy, defining goals and evaluating performance;
- appoint key staff and monitor their performance;
- ensure that St Magnus Festival complies with all relevant legislation and regulations;
- ensure that St Magnus Festival pursues its aims and objectives as defined in its Vision, Business Plan and Memorandum and Articles

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- set and maintain a framework of delegation and internal control
- agree and ratify all policies
- ensure effective and efficient administration
- ensure solvency, financial strength & stability
- assist in raising funds for St Magnus Festival
- safeguard and promote the good name and values of St Magnus Festival and represent its interests in the Orkney community and beyond
- encourage and promote community involvement, in terms of creative input, performance, volunteering activity and audience participation.

The qualities which we expect of Trustees are:

- a commitment to St Magnus Festival and its work
- good, independent judgement
- the ability to think creatively and share ideas
- willingness to speak their mind
- understanding and acceptance of the legal duties, responsibilities and liabilities of trusteeship
- the ability to work effectively as a member of a team
- willingness to act as an ambassador for St Magnus Festival
- adherence to the Nolan Committee's seven principles of public life

If you're interested, or wish to arrange an informal discussion on the role of Director, email the Chair, John Rendall: john.robert.rendall@gmail.com

Application Deadline 17th March 2025

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