
Board Bank

**Do culture
good, do
yourself good**

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Board Bank connects skilled professionals with cultural organisations. Since 1988, we have placed more than 5000 business people as non-executive board members and advisors with not-for-profit cultural organisations.

In return for bringing their skills, business acumen and insight in areas such as finance, human resources, law and marketing, business people get the chance to help shape the cultural life of their community. They also work with committed, creative people, and broaden their own networks and governance experience.

Let us find the right role for you. Our cultural network spans right across Scotland, many of which are in need of vital professional expertise.

The fee to join Board Bank covers all the training and support you'll need, and an introduction to an organisation that's right for you and/or your employees.

How much does it cost?

£200 + VAT for individuals from member organisations and £300 + VAT for non-members. This covers the diagnostic session, induction seminar, an account manager contact and up to three offered matches.

Features

Diagnostic session

This one-to-one session with a dedicated Arts & Business Scotland account manager will familiarise you with the programme and help us draw out information about your professional and personal motivations. This meeting is important as it helps us manage expectations and capture data that will enable us to make a successful match.

Induction

We will provide training to help you understand more about your role and responsibilities as a trustee and non-executive director of a not-for-profit cultural organisation. We cover legal and financial responsibilities, the different roles of board and staff, as well as your role as an advocate for the organisation.

Materials and handbook

You will receive a handy pack of information, including notes in support of the induction seminar plus other reference material and useful reading.

Match with a cultural organisation

We carefully tailor the match to ensure the placement is relevant to the needs of the business volunteer and so ensure a successful outcome. This tailored approach means we cannot guarantee a placement immediately.

Time commitment

A cultural board will typically meet 4 to 8 times a year, with meetings often held in the late afternoon or early evening (although every organisation is different). A typical term of office for a board member is 3 years. As the role of the board member includes acting as an advocate for the organisation and its work, attendance at performances, exhibitions and other events as appropriate is also expected - hopefully an added bonus!

Access to our cultural network and events

As a valued member of Board Bank, you'll receive invitations to events and networking opportunities.

Ongoing support

Throughout your time on the board, we'll keep you up to speed with advice and guidance on the latest issues in governance, board development, charity law and other relevant areas.

Board Bank brings many benefits to both the business volunteer and the cultural organisation - but don't take our word for it...

“I can't begin to tell you how much personal development I've experienced from working with the Macrobert as a trustee. It has made me learn about working in a charitable environment, about offering different services to a new set of service users, and it's helped me grow my confidence enormously about the commercial contribution I can make. Most importantly, it has also taught me many skills that I have been able to bring back to my board role here, increasing my ability to challenge more confidently and make better contribution in the M&M group board. In short, I can't recommend taking on a position like this enough; it broadens your horizons on a practical level that you simply won't get any other way.”

Mairi Mickel, Head of Corporate Communications, Mactaggart & Mickel Group

To find out more about taking part in the Board Bank Programme, please contact Arts & Business Scotland on 0131 556 3353, or at contactus@aandbscotland.org.uk www.aandbscotland.org.uk

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