



## **Applying to join the Board of DASH**

DASH is looking for enthusiastic people to join our Board, who are interested in supporting the company through an exciting period of organisational development.

### **Who is DASH?**

DASH is a small, energetic and very effective Disability-led visual arts organisation. We work with arts and cultural organisations and individuals regionally, nationally and internationally.

For more about the company and details of past and current projects, please see [www.dasharts.org](http://www.dasharts.org)

### **Who are we looking for?**

We are looking for people who are willing to share their skills and expertise to support the company through our current development period and beyond.

We are particularly interested in hearing from people who have knowledge and experience in marketing and PR, finance, fundraising and law. Knowledge and understanding of the visual arts and/or Disability Arts is also helpful but not essential.

DASH is committed to equality across the whole spectrum of diversity. We hold all Board meetings in accessible spaces, and will work with you to ensure that we meet any access needs you may have so that you can fully participate in meetings and activities.

### **What do we want from our Board?**

The DASH Board meet formally every other month - six times a year - with one meeting also incorporating an AGM. In addition we may ask you to attend occasional extraordinary meetings or Board development days, and sometimes to work with sub-committees to support specific areas of development.

As part of the role you should also be willing to represent DASH at events organised by the company and key outside events, advocate for the company within your own networks, and support the company's fundraising activity.

We will send you papers in advance of each meeting which you will need to read and think about so that you will be able to participate actively in Board discussions and decisions. These include minutes of previous meetings, financial papers, staff reports, and strategic policies and plans.

As trustees of registered charities cannot be paid, this is a voluntary role, though travel expenses can be reimbursed.

There is more information about what's involved in being a trustee of a charity here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/charity-trustee-whats-involved>

### **How to apply to join the DASH Board**

Please send the following to our administrator [carrie@dasharts.org](mailto:carrie@dasharts.org)

- A letter of interest stating why you would like to join DASH's Board, and outlining the skills and experience you would bring.
- Your CV
- Your contact details

We will be holding a workshop on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at Birmingham Hippodrome, where you will have the opportunity to learn more about the company and the role of a Trustee/Board member.

If you would like to find out more about what might be involved in being a DASH board member please contact the Chair Jonathan Hyams at [chair@dasharts.org](mailto:chair@dasharts.org), or leave a message on 07773 644 714

Thank you for your interest and we look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

Jonathan Hyams  
Chair of Trustees  
On behalf of DASH