

Call for New Board Members



ABOUT US

Everything we do is driven by the belief that artists play a vital role in society. Our mission is to create a vibrant space for contemporary visual artists to make ambitious new work and develop sustainable careers.

Established in 2017, Paradise Works is an independent, artist-led initiative providing studio and project space to a proactive community of 40+ contemporary visual artists in Salford, Greater Manchester. We aim to create a model of studio provision that champions contemporary visual artists working in our city and enables our creative community to develop the professional connections essential to a sustainable artistic career.

Our own gallery space hosts a critically engaged programme of exhibitions, film screenings and events which showcases works from new and established artists working nationally & internationally. We are also host to internationally renowned gallery, Division of Labour, Salford. Our annual Open Studios, Artist in Residence, Graduate Studio Awards and public activities enable artists to share their work with people who live, work, or visit the city.

Our vision is to enable contemporary visual artists to make outstanding work and thrive as part of a vibrant society.

Our mission is to create a vibrant space for contemporary visual artists to make ambitious new work and develop sustainable careers in the heart of the city.

We believe that:

€ Contemporary visual art is a social good

€ Being an artist should be sustainable

€ Artists and artist-led activity are a foundational part of the cultural sector

€ The arts sector and its audiences need diversifying

At this time, we are looking for new board members to help us futureproof our organisation and develop the reach of the contemporary visual arts in our city. The Board will be responsible for diversifying and futureproofing our organisation, supporting a vibrant community of contemporary visual artists to make ambitious work and engage new audiences with contemporary visual art.

JOINING OUR BOARD



Now our founding phase is complete, our new Director is keen to invite new board members to work with our existing board to support our new vision for Paradise Works, carry out organisational development and establish our artist-led programme for 2024/25.

Previous board experience is not necessary, and we specifically welcome applications from those underrepresented in our sector, including minority ethnic, LGBTQI+ and Disabled voices.

To support our next steps, we are looking to recruit new board members with expertise in one or more of the following areas:

- Commercial Property
- Business development within Greater Manchester
- Charity Law
- Fundraising and/or Capital Funding

Board members are invited for a 2-year term, during which they will:

- Receive an induction with reasonable covered expenses
 - Develop new skills and be part of strategic decision making
 - Establishing a cross-sector understanding and network with senior professionals
 - Support the integration and relevance of contemporary visual arts in society
 - Develop and support the profile and network of the organisation
- We schedule four quarterly board meetings each year which consist of two-hour online sessions supported by one longer in-person planning session which brings board members together in one place for strategic development. Board members also provide some ad-hoc support via email. We are recruiting members to join for a 2-year term.

We are looking to recruit board members who:

- Have a passion for creativity and contemporary visual arts, with a demonstrated interest in social value
- Share our commitment to improving equity and diversifying the cultural sector
- Have a demonstrated track record in their field of expertise
- Have time and space to support our organisation and contribute as part of a strong proactive board
- Excellent communication and diplomacy skills, with a commitment to authentic governance

The board will be responsible for:

- Supporting the development and delivery of strategic planning
- Guiding decision making, development and fundraising efforts for our premises and business
- Ensuring financial execution and reporting
- Advising policy development and ensuring compliance
- Providing ambassadorial profile and networking support



To apply, please email your CV, a 500-word statement and equal opportunities form to info@paradise-works.com by **Sunday 10th March 2024 at Midnight**.

Please contact info@paradise-works.com if you have further questions or require this application pack in alternate formats. If you would like an informal discussion about Paradise Works and these roles, please contact Jessica Bennett, Director - paradiseworksdirector@gmail.com

