

## Aunty Social Director Recruitment

Aunty Social is on the hunt for at least one new Director to join the board of this creative and crafty community interest company based in Blackpool.

### About Aunty

Aunty Social started back in 2011 with a group of friends who wanted something fun, affordable and social to do. So, we raided our attics, scoured our wardrobes and went off to a car boot sale to raise £30 for our first workshop.



Since then we've received funding from the Arts Council, Blackpool Council, Richmond Fellowship, LeftCoast and the EU Youth Initiatives but this is not the majority of our income. We really believe in sustainability and work hard to make sure than projects can pay for themselves or each-other.

Fast forward 5 years and now we have [a variety of projects on the go](#) as well as online arts and culture magazine [altblackpool](#) and the [Winter Gardens Film Festival](#). We're still completely volunteer-run and led; we are super proud of all our helpers who help us put on events and activities to a professional standard.

***Our mission is "to create a vibrant, active and diverse community in the Fylde Coast area through positive, sustainable arts and cultural activities, tea and cake."***

You can find out more about our work at [www.auntysocial.co.uk](http://www.auntysocial.co.uk)

### The future and goals for 2017

Our aspirations are to grow the Aunty Social projects that we already have and strengthen their sustainability and impact. We're also interested in how we can develop as an organisation to ensure that we're geared up to access larger funding opportunities and deliver services on behalf of public bodies.

With this in mind we have three key goals for 2017...

1. Increase opening hours in Charabanc Shop by at least 50%
2. Increased trading income (shop sales, film box office and advertising)
3. Securing of at least one large funded project to include project management fees

### The board

The Aunty Social board is currently made up of Catherine Mugonyi (interim Chairperson), Duncan Hodgson (interim Secretary), Louise Ashcroft and Joe Booth.

Catherine has a background in community development with a specialism in equalities.

Duncan has a background in communications, marketing and digital.

Louise has a background in youth work and performance.

Joe has a background in fashion, costume and design.

## Who we're looking for

In line with our three goals for 2017 we are looking for Director(s) to join the board who have skills and expertise in the following areas...

- Business development
- Commercial business experience (small business retail especially)
- Financial management and/or accountancy
- Human resources and/or legal
- Private sector philanthropy
- Social investment
- Advertising sales

We are not at this time looking for artists or creatives to join the board to develop new projects. We do welcome creative people who have the skills listed above to apply but you should be aware that we are not seeking to develop new projects currently but refine and perfect existing ones.

## What the commitment is

Board members are expected to...

- Attend 12 board meetings per year or send apologies. Most meetings take place during the evening.
- Attending two board away days per year. Most away days take place during weekends.
- Carry out any actions they are assigned at board meetings.
- Proactively support the activities of the organisation using their relevant skills.
- Be an advocate for the organisation wherever they are.

## Legal responsibilities

As a director of a limited company, you must try to make the company a success using your skills, experience and judgment. You need to follow the company's rules, shown in its articles of association. You may be fined, prosecuted or disqualified as a company director if you do not.

You can find out more about the legal duties on GOV.UK [here](#).

Copies of Aunty Social's articles of association are available on request using the details below.

## How to find out more or apply

For more information, to request the articles of association or to arrange an informal discussion please contact Duncan Hodgson (interim Secretary) via [duncan@auntysocial.co.uk](mailto:duncan@auntysocial.co.uk)

To apply to become an Aunty Social Director please email [duncan@auntysocial.co.uk](mailto:duncan@auntysocial.co.uk) with...

- A covering letter outlining why you want to be involved and your relevant skills, experience and knowledge related to this advert
- An up to date CV
- Any relevant web links and/or copies of certificates where appropriate

**Please apply no later than Monday 13 February at 5pm.**

**Interviews will take place week commencing 20 February.**