

THE HORSE BRIDGE



TRUSTEE OPPORTUNITY
Help shape the future of creativity in Whitstable

Are you passionate about creativity and looking for a way to give back to your local community?

The Horsebridge Centre is a small but vibrant community arts charity. We provide a place where everybody can experience creativity. Everyone is welcome, everyone can take part.

We offer engaging creative spaces that enrich lives and encourage involvement. We provide opportunities to develop creative practices and grow new audiences. We build connections and bring the community together.

We are currently looking for enthusiastic and committed individuals to join our Board of Trustees. This is a fantastic opportunity to use your professional skills or lived experience to help steer our organisation toward its next chapter.



THE ROLE

As a Trustee, you will be a vital part of our leadership team, helping to:

- **Set the Strategy:** Decide how we can best meet our objectives and serve our community over the next 3–5 years.
- **Ensure Sustainability:** Oversee our finances and help us identify new funding opportunities.
- **Champion the Arts:** Act as an ambassador for The Horsebridge within the local area.

WHO WE'RE LOOKING FOR

To ensure our board is well-rounded, we are particularly interested in hearing from individuals with backgrounds in:

- Finance and accounting
- Marketing and digital media
- Legal or governance
- Community Engagement

No prior Board experience? No problem.

We value diverse perspectives and “lived experience” just as much as professional qualifications. We provide a full induction and support for first-time Trustees.



ABOUT THE HORSEBRIDGE

The Horsebridge provides a vibrant arts centre at the heart of our community. We are a public space that aims to enrich the lives of local people by encouraging them to access, enjoy and be challenged by arts activities both as participants and audience. By providing creative and cultural activities we aim to combat isolation and promote well-being.

We opened in 2004 on the site of much-loved arts buildings with section 106 funding. Our building is owned by Canterbury City Council and we were established as a Charitable Trust to provide a cultural, community and educational service. The charity receives no council funding for the service it provides, all activities are self-funded.

Visitors to the centre can experience and explore:

- **Exhibition spaces** for private hire and community engagement work along with curated shows and our annual fundraising auction.
- **Education and learning** through Discover Sessions for adults and our Pay What You Can donation only workshops for young people.
- **Live events** including music, theatre, talks and more.
- **Social Film screenings** with accessible pricing and opportunity for a drink and a chat including in the price.
- **ARTbank** which provides art and craft materials, books and more and is part of our Pay What You Can offer.
- **Venue hire** to support community and small business activities.
- **Makers Shop** focused on products made by local creatives.



WHY JOIN US?

Be part of a passionate, creative team of committed staff, volunteers and board members, that strive to make a major contribution to the cultural life of Whitstable.

We are a small, independent and nimble organisation that is able to quickly respond to changing environments.

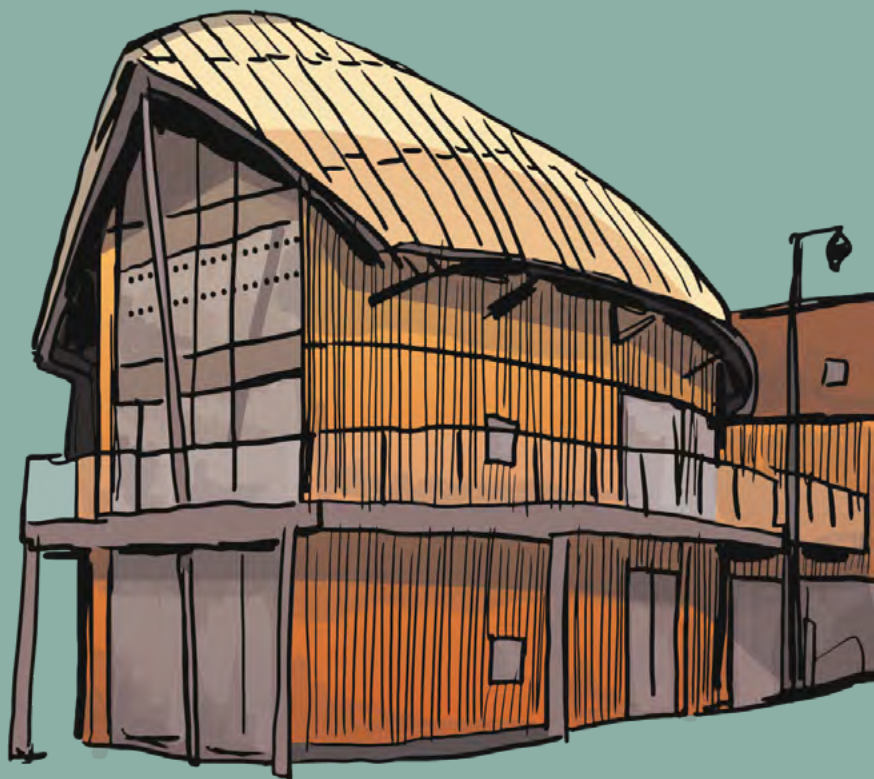
The role can be much more than monthly board meetings; join private views, project launches and more.

Apply your skills in a new way while gaining experience within the charity sector and our role in the community.



THE COMMITMENT

- **Meetings:** Currently the Board meets on the third Thursday evening of each month. Attendance can be by zoom but in-person is preferred.
- **Term:** A commitment of 3 years would be sought in the first place.
- **Remuneration:** This is a voluntary role, though reasonable travel expenses can be reimbursed.



HOW TO APPLY

We are committed to diversity and encourage applications from people across all sections of our community to ensure our Board that reflects the community we serve.

Please use board@thehorsebridge.org.uk for all communications.

Please email your **CV or LinkedIn Profile**, along with a covering letter (no more than one page), outlining why you would like to join us.

As an **alternative** you may submit a short video (5 minutes max). We suggest sending via WeTransfer or similar to the above email address.

Deadline for applications: 9 August 2026. Interviews to take place during September.

Informal Chats: If you'd like to have a quick coffee (or a call) with our Chair to learn more before applying, please send us an email to arrange a time.

If you require this information in an alternative format, have specific access requirements, or need support during the application process, please contact us and we will be happy to assist. You may also let us know of any requirements when you apply.