



Trustee Application Pack 2021



Cheek by Jowl's *The Winter's Tale*. Photo: Johan Persson

“Cheek by Jowl’s enduring gift to theatre is the ability to live in an eternal precarious present.”
Telegraph

“One of the most beloved and respected companies in the world... a dynamic, significant company with international reach.”
Theatre Journal

Welcome

CHEEK BY JOWL is seeking to appoint Trustees to join our Board of Directors.

Cheek by Jowl is the international theatre company of Declan Donnellan and Nick Ormerod. Since it was founded in 1981, the company has been invited to perform in over 50 countries across the world and produces work in multiple languages.

Prioritising a search for life in the actor's work, the company has established an international reputation for bringing *'fresh life to the classics using intense, vivid performances like a laser of light to set the text ablaze'* (The Guardian).

We are seeking new trustees to expand the breadth of skills and diversity on our Board. We are interested in meeting candidates who have a passion for theatre and live performance, and who are keen to champion Cheek by Jowl's work and international outlook as well as collaborations and partnerships, especially in the context of current challenging times.

Cheek by Jowl is committed to equality of opportunity and actively encourages applicants from all backgrounds. We are particularly keen to hear from candidates who have previously been underrepresented in the arts sector and in the industry at large due to the experience of barriers linked to ethnicity, class, disability, gender and sexuality. We believe that by creating theatre which is inclusive and representative of the society in which we live, we are making work which feels more alive and connected with communities, both locally and globally.

Desired Areas of Expertise

We look forward to hearing about you and we will welcome applications from candidates with any experience relevant to Cheek by Jowl's artistic, international, digital and/or administrative activity. We are particularly interested in candidates with experience and skills in the following areas:

- Professional Performance and Art Form Administration and/or Governance expertise.
- Government, Public sector knowledge.
- Trusts & Foundations experience.
- Higher Education work and projects.
- Digital, film and new technologies.

The Role

Key Responsibilities

- Support the current and future strategic aims of Cheek by Jowl.
- Safeguard the good name and values of the company.
- Work with the Artistic Directors and Executive Director to keep the objectives we have set as a company relevant and achievable in a fast-changing environment.
- Oversee the management of financial and administrative affairs of Cheek by Jowl.
- Work closely with the Executive Director to ensure that the Board conducts its affairs in accordance with the principles of good governance and charity legislation.
- Contribute actively to the review and setting of company policies, and to funding requirements as set out by Arts Council England, as well as evaluating performance and activity.
- Represent Cheek by Jowl at performances, events and activities, acting at all times in the company's best interests.

Particulars

- Cheek by Jowl's Board meets for four formal meetings per year. There is also an annual Board dinner which is usually held, if appropriate, after the final formal Board meeting of each calendar year and an Away Day planned for 2021.
- Meetings are normally held in person, in London, but have been held via video conference over lockdown periods.
- Appointments to the Cheek by Jowl Board are voluntary and unremunerated, but reasonable travel expenses will be reimbursed where appropriate.
- The Board currently consists of seven Trustees including the Chair.
- Trustees are appointed for an initial 5-year term, with a review with the Chair within the first year to determine that the role is mutually suited to the candidate and the company. Trustees may be re-elected for a second term, subject to a review consultation with the Chair at the end of the first term.
- The Board of Trustees delegates certain responsibilities to sub-committees. Trustees may be expected to serve on one of these committees during their period of service.

Current Trustees

Beth Byrne, Hugh Nineham, Clare O'Brien, Sameer Pabari, Judith Patrickson, Richard Philipps (Chair), Philip Stoltzfus.

Legal status

Cheek by Jowl Theatre Company is a company limited by guarantee (company no. SC078954) governed by a Memorandum and Articles of Association, with charity status (charity no. number SC013544).

We are a National Portfolio Organisation of Arts Council England and an Artistic Associate of the Barbican in London, where our producing base is located.

Applications

If you would like to be involved in Cheek by Jowl, please email your CV and a covering letter to our Executive Director, Niamh O'Flaherty on niamh@cheekbyjowl.com, explaining why the role appeals to you and what you could bring to the Board.

Please include 'Trustee Recruitment 2021' and your name in the subject line.

We would be very grateful if you could return a completed Equal Opportunities Monitoring Form with your application, [which you can download at this link](#).

If you require this pack in a different format, or have any other accessibility or support requirements, please let us know by calling +44 (0) 7494 179382 or emailing jobs@cheekbyjowl.com

If you are a current member of Nurole, please note that you can also apply for this opportunity directly through [their platform](#).

Timeline

Closing date for applications is **5pm (GMT) on Monday 17 May**.

Candidates will be invited to an interview on **the week commencing Monday 24 May**, with a second round of interviews taking place on **the week commencing Tuesday 1 June**.

Initial interviews will be conducted online via Zoom and follow-up meeting will be in person as appropriate. Successful candidate(s) will be invited to attend our Q2 Board Meeting (July 2021).

Thank you for your interest in Cheek by Jowl and we look forward to receiving your application.

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