**Trustees**

**Background: about Moving Memory**

Moving Memory Dance Theatre is an innovative, collaborative & inclusive physical performance company which has been performing in public spaces, town centres, festivals and theatres for over 10 years. It started as a project in 2011, became a company in 2013 and gained charitable status in 2018.

The core performance ensemble is the engine of Moving Memory’s work. They create dynamic, highly visual, physical work which is devised using personal stories and life experiences as starting points.

We are committed to sharing our process and facilitating others to explore creative movement opportunities. Our unique participatory practice, Moving Well, is designed to be used with a wide range of groups. Moving Well encourages creativity, collaboration and movement, leading to a renewed sense of self, identity and agency in participants.

Member of our core performance ensemble are trained to deliver Moving Well and we offer a training programme for people who want to use Moving Well in their own community or group facilitation work.

All aspects of our work are about empowering and equipping marginalised groups, especially, the older generation, with creative skills that afford new ways of expressing views, thoughts and experiences. In doing so, we challenge negative stereotypes of age and ageing.

The company has an office at Creek Creative in Faversham and we have an ongoing relationship with the University of Kent, Canterbury. We work across Kent and nationally. There are currently two part-time members of staff (Creative Director and Development Director) who plan, manage and deliver the programme and report directly to the board at quarterly meetings. The board has five committed trustees and is Chaired by Dr Kirsty Lloyd.

Please find a wealth of background information including videos of performances and workshops, annual accounts, evaluation and other reports and a history of the company at [www.movingmemorydance.com](http://www.movingmemorydance.com). See also <https://movingwell.movingmemorydance.com> for information about Moving Well.

**Trustees: the role**

Moving Memory Dance Theatre’s trustees are legally responsible for its strategic direction and good governance. As the organisation looks to grow and develop over the next three years, we would like to strengthen our board team by recruiting one or two new members. We are looking for people from a diverse range of backgrounds with the passion and commitment to help lead this dynamic organisation. An understanding of the core requirements of good charity governance and the demands of regulatory bodies would be helpful, but induction and full training will be given, including arranging paid training courses, if appropriate.

**Commitment**

You will need to attend a minimum of four formal meetings each year (usually held online, in March, June, September and December), keep up-to-date with the organisation's activities, support paid staff and attend performances, workshops or other events. This is an unpaid role. Travel and other expenses, especially if they are a barrier to involvement, may be paid.

**How to apply:**

Please email cathy@movingmemorydance.com to arrange an initial conversation.

You will then be asked to provide a statement for the current Chair and trustees describing:

* + why you are attracted to the role
  + why you feel *your* experience and skills will make you a vital part of our company

This information can be in any media – written, audio, video etc.

Please send this information by email: info@movingmemorydance.com **with Moving Memory Chair** in the Subject line.

The closing date for applications is **Sunday 27th February 2022 (23.59)**

**Please note,** the Charity Commission has rules - known as ‘automatic disqualification’ - on who can and cannot be a trustee. If a person is subject to the automatic disqualification rules, they will need to apply for a waiver from the Charity Commission. Please refer to the guidance on the Charity Commission website. To ensure a fair and open recruitment process, we will only ask you about your eligibility to become a trustee *after* we have decided that we would like you to join the board.