LIVE MUSIC NOW

BRINGING MUSIC TO LIFE

BEING A MUSICIAN TRUSTEE FOR LMN
Thank you for your interest in this role.

Live Music Now (LMN) is a UK-wide initiative, created by Yehudi Menuhin and Sir Ian Stoutzker in 1977. Since then, we have given over 70,000 interactive music sessions, for over 2.5 million people.

Engagement with live music has been shown to bring measurable health, social and educational benefits. This is particularly the case for older people living with dementia or loneliness, or children with special educational needs and disabilities. Their lives can be transformed through music.

LMN musicians are young professionals, at the start of their career. They usually work within ensembles, and are drawn from a wide variety of genres, covering classical, world music, folk music and jazz. Each year, we deliver around 3,500 participatory performances and specialist workshops, reaching over 120,000 vulnerable children and adults throughout the UK.

Our experience and inclusive approach underpins our work and we are looking for Trustees who share these beliefs to join our Board.

We are united by the following 5 core beliefs of LMN.

1. Engagement with live music can improve life, and have profound and long-lasting impacts on health, wellbeing and development.

2. Everyone has the right to access high quality live music, representing the full diversity of UK culture and beyond.

3. A fulfilling and creative life is a vital element of wellbeing and social development.

4. Music programmes delivered in community settings should be of the highest possible quality, with artistic excellence and integrity at the forefront, informed by academic research.

5. Musicians at the outset of their careers need support to thrive as creative artists, and exposure to work in outreach settings can enable them to flourish, provided they are carefully supported throughout.

“Music, amongst all the great arts, is the language which penetrates most deeply into the human spirit, reaching people through every barrier, disability, language and circumstance... This is why it has been my dream to bring music back into the lives of those people whose lives are especially prone to stress and suffering... so that it might comfort, heal and bring delight.”

- Yehudi Menuhin
TRUSTEE ROLE: MUSICIAN REPRESENTATIVE

Live Music Now UK has a central Board of Trustees, chaired by Sir Vernon Ellis, which oversees the core strategic activities of the charity in England, Wales and Northern Ireland (Scotland has its own Board). Some of our Trustees also sit on the advisory committees of our seven separate branches: each branch is led by a paid member of staff and is supported by a group of local volunteers and advisors.

Our Trustees normally meet four times a year in London, with additional meetings for our sub-committees, arranged as considerately as possible to fit with people’s busy lives. The Board discusses the wider strategic, financial and operational issues facing Live Music Now and takes advice from the sub-committees for approval.

At the AGM, the Trustees join together with the LMN Staff in an afternoon workshop to run through new areas of strategy or to highlight new developments and projects.

There are various Board roles that highlight an area of expertise: Marketing and Communications, Finance, SEND, Wellbeing, IT, Legal Issues and more. We advertise these positions with various Trustee recruitment sites and via social media to broaden our search as far as possible.

As part of a structural review, we are creating a new trustee post on the Board as a representative of LMN’s musicians. We are looking for an alumnus of the scheme, who might be interested in helping us and can contribute their experience and expertise as a professional musician, and to bring their personal insights as an alumnus to the work of the Board. For the right person, this will be an exciting and important opportunity to join a national board of trustees; to help shape the future of LMN during a time of growing public profile and recognition.

These are the main points to consider:

1. Quarterly Board meetings, with additional strategic meetings from time to time.
2. You will advise the Board from a musician’s development and performance point of view and help us draft a strong strategic plan for delivery.
3. The Board reviews and approves the core strategic aims, finances and operational requirements for the charity.
4. All Trustees act as ambassadors for the charity and sometimes assist in fundraising or other initiatives.
5. Trustees are appointed for an initial term of 4 years, with an option to extend.

If you can help with any of these, or perhaps something else, we would love to hear from you! Please email us at trustees@livemusicnow.org.uk to discuss further. If you would like to apply, we will need to receive a CV and letter explaining what you feel you can contribute, to be sent to that email address by 30 August 2019.

The Nomination Subcommittee will review all applications, and select a shortlist to interview in early September. We hope to make an appointment shortly after that.

Live Music Now is committed to being an Equal Opportunities employer and as such we actively encourage applications from LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender) people, people with disabilities and people from black, Asian and minority ethnic backgrounds.
BEING AN LMN TRUSTEE

Our Trustees are an important and valued part of the team at LMN. We are inclusive throughout our work and pride ourselves as an equal opportunities’ employer, and we aim to echo this approach on our Board.

Trustees are always welcome to attend our workshops and events and involve themselves as a volunteer in our work as much as they feel able, working in line with our Branch Directors and teams.

Being part of the LMN family is also a lot of fun! Whilst there is important strategic work to be done we do aim to engage our Board with our staff team at social events and give them the opportunity to be part of some ground-breaking projects.

Each week, we send out an email discussing the many LMN activities and the highlights and lowlights of the past seven days. We also send out regular newsletters and both staff and volunteers are invited to contribute to both.

Our staff and musicians are delivering a huge amount of work, with very little time to spare and on a tight budget. So we need Trustees who can contribute skills, and time and energy, to add value to our work.

Not every Trustee can make personal donations to LMN, but fundraising is a very important aspect of our work, so we do ask everyone to consider how they might help with this.

New Trustees will be sent a Trustees’ Pack which includes information on and links to our policies and procedures, our latest Trustees’ Report and Accounts, our Articles, guidelines on representing LMN externally and general information on the charity.