



The Foundation for Young Musicians PR & Communications Trustee Role Description

Role: Trustee

Commitment: 4 meetings per year with additional duties

Unpaid

The Foundation for Young Musicians is looking for a new Trustee to join our charity's Board.

About The Foundation for Young Musicians

The Foundation for Young Musicians (FYM) is a charity established in 1990 with the sole aim to raise funds for the Centre for Young Musicians (CYM) London, including their flagship orchestra, The London Schools Symphony Orchestra. To date, FYM has raised over £10 million to support CYM.

The valuable and essential work of CYM and the LSSO largely goes under the radar. Given these uncertain times, as music teaching and funding in schools is being squeezed, it is even more important that CYM and the LSSO continue in their mission to provide high quality music-making opportunities to all promising young musicians and ensure that no child is denied this life-changing opportunity through lack of financial means.

CYM@50 and LSSO@70

We now have an opportunity through the anniversaries of both of these incredible organisations to shine a spotlight on **120 years of combined youth music making** in London and invite businesses, charitable trusts, individuals - parents and music-enthusiasts alike - to help build our Bursary Fund to secure musical opportunities for talented young people in future generations.

'The FYM bursary means a lot to me. It helped me stretch my musical aptitude and without it I would not have been able to attend CYM' CYM student and composer of the award-winning 'The Train Journey'

CYM and LSSO fees are lower than other London music conservatoires and the average bursary awarded is just over £1,000. FYM's target is to raise **£1 million by 2021**, providing bursary support for 1,000 talented students to study at CYM and benefit from the opportunities of the LSSO over the next 10 years.

Board Recruitment

We are looking for a new Trustee who is an experienced senior leader in PR and communications, adept at spotting new opportunities and able to support our small team to create effective PR campaigns, raise our profile and support our fundraising effort. This is an

exciting opportunity for anyone seeking to make a real difference in supporting disadvantaged young Londoners and those with a passion for music and the arts.

We are looking for an individual who shares our belief about the importance of music to the lives of young people and that music tuition should not be for the privileged few. We are keen to hear from people from a diverse range of backgrounds with the energy and vision to make a serious contribution to the success of FYM.

We are looking for someone who, as well as bringing expertise in PR and communications, is:

- committed to the mission and values of The Foundation for Young Musicians.
- understands and accept the legal duties, responsibilities and liabilities of being a Trustee including good governance, ensuring FYM is complying with its constitution and charitable objectives, and that it is complying with all legal and regulatory requirements.
- will act as an ambassador for the charity.
- will actively contribute to the strategic direction of the organisation.
- can contribute ideas and contacts in the cultivation of the charity's partnerships and fundraising networks.

Time commitment

- The Trustees meet four times a year for quarterly Board meetings
- At selected CYM and LSSO performances and events
- Providing advice and guidance to staff as required

Additional information

- Section 72(1) of the Charities Act 1993 disqualifies anyone from being a Trustee who:
 - has been convicted of an offence involving deception or dishonesty, unless the conviction is spent
 - is an un-discharged bankrupt
 - has previously been removed from being a Trustee of a charity by the court or the Charity Commissioners
 - is under a disqualification order under the Company Directors regulatory framework

If you are interested in being considered as a Trustee, please email Claire Barlow clairebarlowconsulting@gmail.com with a CV and a short accompanying letter explaining why are you interested in becoming a Trustee of The Foundation for Young Musicians.

Please send your application by Friday 8 February 2019

CYM London: www.cym.org.uk

FYM pages: www.cym.org.uk/support-us