



Chair, Board of Trustees

SPUD is seeking expressions of interest from candidates who bring relevant experience and a clear passion and commitment for the wellbeing of communities through creativity and collaboration in arts, architecture and education.

About SPUD

SPUD is an award winning and thriving charity focused on arts, architecture, and education committed to creating experiences that foster confidence, support career development and strengthen communities.

SPUD was incorporated as a Charity (CIO) in 2015 and has grown to provide a vibrant and varied programme of creative and community activities, events and exhibitions throughout the year. We work across a wide range of projects and partnerships. This includes providing workspaces and studios for an active community of artists and small businesses with 9 micro businesses on site. In 2025 we start a new creative and organisation development project 'Sustainable Focus- Ambitious Actions'.

Our approach is collaborative, meaningful and ambitious. We champion the voices of individuals and underrepresented groups, ensuring they are heard within our communities and partnerships.

We work with people and communities, including:

- Young people looking to be involved in their community through a range of creative opportunities.
- People of all ages through participation in creative activities.
- Artists and other creative professionals through collaboration, professional development and business opportunity.

We are based in Sway, New Forest and work in and around the New Forest as well as regionally, nationally, and internationally.

About the role

The Chair provides leadership to SPUD Trustees, ensuring that it governs the charity effectively, and delivers SPUD's purpose and difference it is seeking to make. The Director reports to the Chair. The role requires:

- Experience and understanding of the charitable sector and of activities focused on arts, community and education.
- An understanding of charity governance, including finance issues.
- An understanding of equalities, diversity and inclusion, and safeguarding.
- Network and networking capabilities, which can open doors to funding, placements, policy, ideally within the South of England and New Forest.

The Chair of SPUD is a voluntary role and the time commitment is approximately 16 days a year. This includes 5 Trustee Board meetings, 2-3 strategy/topic working sessions and oversight of the SPUD team's activities. Trustee meetings are 17:30-19:30 and usually in person at Sway, or online as needed. Other meetings may be daytime or evening, in person, hybrid or online according to need. Being able to attend SPUD offices in Sway for other activities is expected.

The Chair is appointed by the Trustees for a term of three years and may be re-appointed for a further two years.

For full details please go to **spud.org.uk/about** If you would like to discuss the opportunity prior to submitting your application please email Sal Newman onhandhr@gmail.com.

How to apply

Please provide a concise personal statement setting out why you are interested in the role and how you meet the role specification and email it to Sal Newman onhandhr@gmail.com along with a copy of your CV.

Application closing date 24th January 2025.

We will assess applications and invite potential candidates for an interview w/c 17 February. The process will consist of a panel interview with the members of the Trustee Board and SPUD Director. There will also be an opportunity for you to meet with other members of the SPUD team and be shown round SPUD's Sway campus.

Please see below for additional useful information:

- Director's TED Talk: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EfP_tJ-x_HM
- Strategy 2025-2028 (add link to the Strategy from the SPUD website)
- Annual Accounts and Report 2023 (add link to the Annual Accts etc from the SPUD website)
- The Charitable Incorporated Organisation governing document (add link to the CIO doc from the SPUD website)