



Dear Candidate

Thank you for your interest in joining the Board of Directors at East Midlands Caribbean Carnival Arts Network (EMCCAN).

We are looking for Carnival enthusiasts with a range of skills, specialist knowledge, experience, energy and dedication, who can contribute to EMCCAN at a strategic level.

Our priority is to improve artistic quality, develop operational management and strengthen links between our four East Midlands Caribbean Carnival Arts partners in Leicester, Derby, Nottingham and Northampton. We share best practice and encourage more collaboration and partnerships for the benefit of all the communities in the East Midlands region, providing leadership to the wider carnival sector.

We are seeking a new Independent Board Director who shares our vision:

To be a leading strategic development organisation for Caribbean Carnival Arts in East Midlands.

Board Director Application Information Pack

About the East Midlands Caribbean Carnival Arts Network

East Midlands Caribbean Carnival Arts Network (EMCCAN) is an umbrella organisation made up of four Caribbean Carnivals in Leicester, Derby, Nottingham and Northampton who work in partnership.

The organisation was formed to inspire, lead and nurture Caribbean carnival arts in the East Midlands through delivery of four annual Caribbean Carnivals, a Regional Costume Competition (formally the Queen Show) and a publication. In recent years it has expanded to include an education programme and an extensive UK tour.

EMCCAN was formed in 2011 following many years of working together. It is an Arts Council England national portfolio organisation (NPO since 2012) and is a not-for-profit community interest company.

The Directors comprise of two representatives from each Carnival and four independent members. The organisation is supported by Chief Executive Donna Fox. Our office is based at Derby QUAD.

Skills and expertise

We are seeking to recruit a Board member who can contribute their specialist expertise and knowledge. Below is a list of some of the skills/knowledge we are particularly interested in (but not exclusively) to complement those of our existing EMCCAN Board.

- Regional/national and/or international Caribbean Carnival knowledge
- Business development and delivery



- Strategic/operational/project development
- Fundraising
- Financial management
- Community development
- Strong carnival and business network nationally and/or internationally
- Ability to support the strategic link between local authorities and cultural groups
- Partnership building

Person Specification

- A commitment to EMCCAN's mission, values and principles
- Available to attend and contribute to Board meetings (approx. 4 per year)
- Attend and participate in annual general meetings (AGM) and away days
- Contribution to one of three sub-groups - finance and general purpose, HR or Carnival Heritage, Education and Culture group
- Leadership skills with long term strategic vision
- Advocate for the Carnival sector
- An understanding and acceptance of the legal duties, responsibilities, and liabilities of being a Board member for a community interest company

You do not need to have previous Board experience to apply.

How to apply

We hope that you will consider making an application to join our Board of Directors.

As a values-led organisation we are committed to building an inclusive culture that values diversity and welcomes people from all walks of life. Our principles of inclusivity and diversity are reflected in our mission, our staff and our Board. We welcome candidates from all backgrounds to apply.

To apply please complete the expression of interest form and submit along with a copy of your CV to Richard Renwick, EMCCAN Chair.

Email: richardrenwick@hotmail.com

If you have any questions about the role or would like to have an informal conversation with an Independent Board Director ahead of applying please email Nathifa Jordan.

Email: nathifa@culturemixarts.co.uk

The closing date for applications is Monday 3rd January 2022