



COMPASS FESTIVAL

Only One out
LEEDS' SMALLEST GAY BAR

Trustee Recruitment Information Pack

Compass Live Art is seeking to expand its current Board of Trustees. We are a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity. We are committed to Leeds and to making extraordinary art projects accessible and available to everyone. Compass has grown steadily over the last 10 years and we want to expand the board to include some additional skills and perspectives. We are keen to invite people who may not have considered serving on a board before but who have a lot to offer because of where they live, who they work with, their life experiences and their own personal and professional skills. We have worked hard at trustee level to foreground inclusivity and since 2020 are proud that our board is reflective of the city we live and work in.

We would particularly welcome interest from

- artists
- people who are active in Leeds' communities
- people working in financial management, services or business planning
- people working in marketing, communications and PR
- people working as legal advisers, paralegals, solicitors and barristers
- independent business owners
- academics specialising in climate change and food systems

You don't need to have all these, of course. We are looking for engaged, active people who can attend 4 meetings a year, be advocates for Compass, attend our events and are willing to take on the responsibilities of becoming a charity trustee.

There are six essential responsibilities of a Trustee

- 1. Ensure your charity is carrying out its purposes for the public benefit**
- 2. Comply with your charity's governing document and the law**
- 3. Act in your charity's best interests**
- 4. Manage your charity's resources responsibly**
- 5. Act with reasonable care and skill**
- 6. Ensure your charity is accountable**

The process:

We are looking at this stage for expressions of interest which we can develop further. If you are interested in becoming a Trustee of Compass Live Art or you want to know more about who we are and what we do, please drop us a line and we can arrange an informal chat in the first instance info@compassliveart.org.uk

We look forward to hearing from you.

Peter Reed
Director
Compass Live Art

Manpreet Dhadda
Interim Chair
Compass Live Art

“Compass is an ever-evolving organisation that is dedicated to breaking down barriers between art and audiences. The team is made up of individuals who work tirelessly and creatively to bring the people of Leeds face-to-face with emotive, engaging, inspirational, and sometimes, life-changing experiences that show us anyone can be an artist.”

Manpreet Dhadda
Trustee, Compass Live Art



Background Information about Compass

“Compass is one of the most distinctive and influential cultural operations in the UK; commissioning, producing and dispersing groundbreaking socially engaged projects and connecting people and places in exciting, exceptional and, most significantly, genuinely meaningful ways. They are an unsung national treasure.”

Lois Keidan, Former Director, Live Art Development Agency

Since Compass Festival was established in 2011, we have consistently championed ambitious, inclusive artists and arts projects. Placing Live Art projects out in the city, free and open to all. Producing 5 festivals, commissioning 76 artists, reaching 67,000 audiences, training 12 Young Producers, creating over 150 partnerships and prioritising access and participation at the heart of our work.

We are an established part of the Leeds and UK cultural calendar having grown from a weekend of pilot events attracting 2,500 people, to a highly respected commissioner of extraordinary live art experiences. Compass Festival throughout 2020 -2021 attracted over 18,000 people, 40% of whom were new to the arts.



[Would Like to Meet](#) by Scottie presented at Compass Festival 2018 © Lizzie Coombes



[One in One Out: Leeds' Smallest Gay Bar](#) by Lucy Hayhoe presented at
Compass Festival 2020/21 © Lizzie Coombes

Compass commissions unique projects from internationally renowned artists, involves local people in the creation of the work and makes it widely accessible. We create a sense of community and wellbeing with a wide range of disadvantaged groups by bringing people together with artists. Together they make interactive projects that speak directly to their experiences and concerns. Projects are presented for the public free of charge during our biennial festival.

As an established and much-loved feature of Leeds' cultural calendar, Compass Festival bursts onto the streets of Leeds every 2 years, with brilliant interactive live art experiences that bring high quality art to touch people as they go about their daily lives. Our projects encompass performance, visual arts, dance and music. They are thought provoking, entertaining and memorable – and designed specifically to reflect and celebrate the places, people, history and stories of our city.

"The festival has brought vibrancy to Leeds city centre and made art accessible to a wide audience"

John Ebo
Leeds City Centre Management

Compass Festival was awarded the "Extraordinary Festival" EFFE Label, Europe for Festivals, Festivals for Europe 2017-18 and 2019-20 with the following jury adjudication:

"Compass makes a compelling and powerful case for a Live Art festival that manages to reach out beyond its potentially limited audience with work that is risky and challenging, but seems to find ways to introduce it to the community."

Compass Live Art has trained 12 young people as producers who now have independent careers in the arts. We have supported national and international artists as well as emerging regional artists to develop their practice through professional development schemes, workshops and training. As well as engaging with the general public – passers-by in public locations – we have created works with children and young people, elderly care home residents, neighbourhood groups, market traders and shoppers, pub landlords, river enthusiasts, lawyers and shopkeepers.

To develop, produce and locate our projects we have created over 120 partnerships with Leeds City Council, local libraries and museums, shopping centres, markets, cafés, churches, community centres, and businesses.

For details of our previous festivals please see compassliveart.org.uk/compassfestival



[Public House: The Yorkshire Square](#) by Small Acts presented at
Compass Festival 2020/21 © Lizze Coombes

“Every town and city needs a Compass Live Art. Compass consistently creates playful and thoughtful interactions that are relevant and accessible to people in Leeds. It opens up exciting new spaces for artists to work together and is committed to supporting the next generation of live art producers.”

Pam Johnson

Head of Culture Programmes, Leeds City Council

