



Archives West Midlands

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Role of a Trustee in AWM

Archives West Midlands (AWM) is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation which represents its members, archive services in the West Midlands region. AWM was formally launched in 2016 and our aims are to promote the importance of archives as vital regional assets; encourage the highest standards of archive work; encourage investment in digital preservation and digital access to collections and services; develop and support regional projects; and provide a confident and coherent voice for the region's archives.

Trusteeship of AWM will give insight into the archive profession and its role in preserving the heritage of the West Midlands in a time of challenge and change.

This is an exciting time to join the board of AWM as the archives sector meets the challenges of digital preservation and access, processes which rapidly accelerated during lockdown; and also aims to make a significant contribution to equality and diversity in the archives profession through our 'No Barriers' project.

We are seeking up a further person to become a Trustee and join our Board. Candidates must have a strong connection to the West Midlands' region and have an enthusiasm for the region's heritage.

Trustees have independent control over, and legal responsibility for, AWM's management and administration. They play a vital role in a sector that contributes significantly to the character and wellbeing of the country.

Trustees are elected on rotation for a period of three years and may only serve for a total consecutive period of nine years before standing down.

Trustees are expected to attend two out of the four Trustee meetings held every calendar year. They are currently being held virtually but the situation is being reviewed.

One trustee observed:

"Being a trustee offers a fantastic opportunity to support archive services across the region in delivering the day job and developing and also to advocate for the importance of archives and the great work our services do. I'm really glad that I've become a trustee and feel that as a group we make a big and important difference in a sector that is often misunderstood or overlooked."

AWM supports diversity and equality in its board of trustees and welcomes applicants who can demonstrate enthusiasm and commitment regardless of their level of experience.

If this role is of interest to you, please send a short CV and reasons for your interest to Caroline Sampson at archiveswestmidlands@gmail.com by 21st October 2023. If you would prefer a short conversation please contact me via my email address.