



Middlesbrough Town Hall Advisory Group

Recruitment Pack

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About Middlesbrough Town Hall



Middlesbrough Town Hall is one of the North East's leading cultural venues, combining a rich civic heritage with a vibrant programme of live music, comedy, theatre, family events and community activity. Following a major restoration and refurbishment, the Grade II listed venue reopened in 2018, preserving its historic character while creating modern, accessible spaces for audiences, artists, community groups and creative practitioners.

Since 2018, Middlesbrough Town Hall has been an Arts Council England National Portfolio Organisation (NPO). This prestigious status recognises the venue's commitment to delivering outstanding arts and cultural experiences while increasing access to creativity, supporting local talent and contributing to the cultural, social and economic development of Middlesbrough and the wider Tees Valley.

As an Arts Council England NPO, the Town Hall presents an ambitious programme of nationally and internationally recognised artists alongside locally produced work, ensuring that high quality cultural experiences are accessible to everyone. Working in partnership with artists, schools, community organisations and regional cultural partners, the venue plays a central role in strengthening the area's creative ecology and inspiring participation in the arts.

At the heart of this work is Musinc, Middlesbrough Town Hall's music development programme partner. Musinc is dedicated to ensuring that everyone has the opportunity to create, perform and enjoy music, regardless of age, background or experience. Through partnerships with schools, community organisations, artists and healthcare providers,

Musinc delivers inclusive, accessible and high-quality musical opportunities across Middlesbrough and the Tees Valley, with a particular focus on supporting children and young people, disabled people and communities who are traditionally underrepresented in the arts.

Our Youth Music Catalyser funding allows us to remove financial barriers to participation by offering low-cost activities and full bursaries for participants who need it most.

Musinc nurtures talent at every stage, from first musical experiences and community participation to artist development, performance opportunities and creative careers. By embedding music-making within schools, neighbourhoods and community settings, the programme extends the Town Hall's impact far beyond its walls, helping to build stronger, healthier and more connected communities.

Together, Middlesbrough Town Hall and Musinc demonstrate how culture can enrich lives, inspire creativity and bring people together. As both a historic civic landmark and a forward looking cultural organisation, the Town Hall continues to play a vital role in shaping Middlesbrough's cultural future, creating opportunities for people of all ages to experience, participate in and champion the arts.

Musinc's Vision



Our mission is to provide opportunities in Middlesbrough for people of all ages, backgrounds and circumstances to make music, connect with others and explore their musical identity.

We are:

- Inclusive: accessibility and diversity drives everything we do
- Collaborative: we build connections with communities
- Creative: we're passionate about developing new ideas
- Responsive: we respect and understand the needs of others
- Determined: we tackle challenges and inspire others to make change

We know that music has the power to change lives for people of all ages and backgrounds, and that the process of making and engaging in music activities can contribute significantly to increased wellbeing.

Musical inclusion sits at the heart of our approach to our work and the principles of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion influence all aspects of what we do. We offer a range of engaging musical activities including open access groups, projects with local partners for people facing barriers, a schools programme, as well as performances and sharing events.

Our Partners



MTH Advisory Group



Members of the Advisory Group will:

- Provide oversight of the Town Hall's NPO programme, in line with its funding agreement with ACE.
- Monitor the annual plan, supporting the planning and development of the NPO programme across ACE funding cycles.
- Participate in reflective practice to support the ongoing self-evaluation of the NPO programme.
- Ensure the ACE Investment Principles are embedded and owned across the programme, undertaking relevant training where necessary.
- Review quarterly reports on progress against the funding agreement
- Review financial documents related to the NPO funding agreement
- Review the risks around the NPO programme and supporting mitigations to control risks at an acceptable level.
- Act as advocates for Middlesbrough Town Hall & Musinc.

Your Commitment:

- Attendance at a minimum of 1 event, workshop or activity each year
- Attendance at meetings (minimum of 3 of the 4 meetings each year).
- The majority of our meetings take place online, with a minimum of 1 in-person meeting per year
- Attendance at training or workshop sessions, where required

Period of Appointment:

Members are expected to serve an initial term of three years, with an opportunity to be re-elected for a further three-year term. The maximum term of any member is six years after which they must stand down and can't rejoin the group within 12 months.

The maximum term for the role of Chair is three years.

We expect our Advisory Group members to have:

- Passion for the Arts, Culture & Community
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills with the ability to listen, advise and support
- A demonstrable commitment to equality, diversity and inclusion

We love it if you also have one or more of the following:

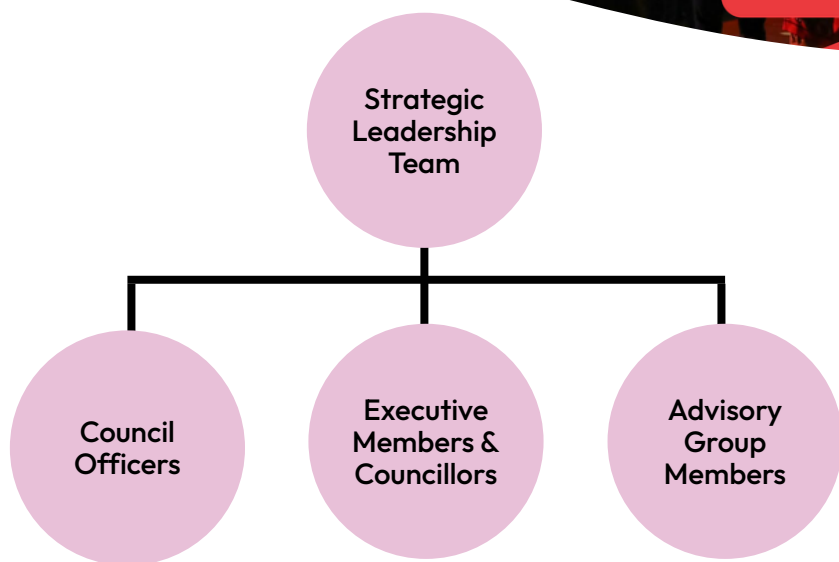
- Strategic thinking and fresh perspectives
- Knowledge and experience of Culture in Middlesbrough or the Tees Valley
- Advocacy within the creativity and culture sector, fostering and supporting new relationships within the sector.
- Knowledge of Arts Council's Let's Create Strategy & Investment Principles

We welcome applications from the following sectors

- Artists and/or Creative Practitioners
- Youth Work & Creative Education
- Creativity, Health and Wellbeing
- Developing community-led cultural activity
- Environmental Responsibility
- Equality, Diversity and Inclusion
- FE/HE Education
- Finance
- Philanthropy



Governance Structure



Our Senior Leadership Team includes the Head of Culture, Strategic Venues Manager (Town Hall and Theatre) & Music Manager.

Council Officers include the Director of Environment, Communities & Culture, and our Finance Business Partner

Executive Members and/or Councillors includes community, cultural and education representatives

Key Information



To apply, please send your completed expression of interest to:

commercial@middlesbrough.gov.uk

Please also complete our Equal Opportunities Monitoring Form

If you would like to discuss the role or have questions about becoming a advisory group member with us, please contact

commercial@middlesbrough.gov.uk

If you need support with your application, would like to apply by another method or have access requirements, please contact us via the email above.

Application deadline: Friday 21st August at 9am

Interviews: Wednesday 2nd September, Online

First Board Meeting: Monday 21st September,
11am-12.30pm at Middlesbrough Town Hall



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