

CHARITY NUMBER: **1139912**

MILTON KEYNES **ROSE** TRUST



TRUSTEE RECRUITMENT PACK

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The Cenotaph Trust was established in 2011 and was renamed the Milton Keynes Rose Trust in 2021 to more accurately reflect the focus of the Trust's activities. Some of our Trustees have been involved since the start and others have joined us on our exciting journey.

Having recently celebrated the 10th anniversary of the Milton Keynes Rose, we are now looking for new Trustees to join our Board and help continue the engagement and development of the Milton Keynes Rose. Through the stories of it's Pillars, this special place recalls our lives together in the newest of cities, overlooked by the memory of our ancestors.

We look forward to welcoming you!

Sarah Clarke DL

Chair

The Milton Keynes Rose Trust

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1. BACKGROUND

The Milton Keynes Rose (MK Rose) located in Campbell Park was co-commissioned by The Milton Keynes Rose Trust, formally the Milton Keynes Cenotaph Trust, with partners the Parks Trust and Milton Keynes Council.

It is a piece of public realm art designed by internationally renowned artist Gordon Young and designer Andy Altman, offering the public opportunities for commemoration, celebration and contemplation. On the ground it takes the shape of a flower and where the “petals” intersect, engraved granite columns carry dedications in a calendar of significant dates designed to bring people to the space for social interaction and memory making. Opened in 2013, it has provided a gathering space that had hitherto not existed in Central Milton Keynes, through usage it has become an established place to be and one of the most photographed images of Milton Keynes. It is all embracing and inclusive, able to span different cultural groups and needs, groups from various faiths and beliefs or none. The Milton Keynes Rose Trust engage with the community to encourage use, promote the heritage stories contained within it and create a togetherness by sharing events that have and will go on shaping our lives, developing community cohesion.

The Trust support the co-curation with the public of new Pillars through a Pillar nomination process, this has seen nine new inscriptions over the past ten years including a Pillar dedicated to the Windrush Generation, the first permanent memorial outside London. Trustees individually work with a variety of community groups to hold events for instance Disability Awareness Day and Holocaust Memorial Day and as a Project Team with partners the Parks Trust in staging the Corporate and Para Pancake Race and to support the recently very successful MK Foodbank Guinness World Record beating MK CAN!

Our Trust Deed

To advance education and promote good citizenship for the public benefit through the provision of a memorial within Milton Keynes, in particular, but not exclusively, as a place of commemoration of the citizens of Milton Keynes who have died in service.

Our Mission

To promote the Milton Keynes Rose as an integral part of the City’s cultural heritage, an approachable and all-inclusive space for all cultures and occasions.

Our Strategic Aim

Be financially sustainable, to support and deliver our mission and charitable aims.

Our Priorities

- Widen community engagement and use of The Milton Keynes Rose
- Fundraise to enable:

Better communications

Engagement of increased cultural and artistic value

Co-curation of future Pillar dedications

Any further phases of the original design

2. Role and Responsibilities of Trustees

- To set the charity's mission, policies and strategy
- Act as Ambassadors for The Milton Keynes Rose
- Ensure the charity is meeting the needs of its beneficiaries
- Read, follow and be familiar with our Constitution
- Protect the Charity's reputation
- Use money and resources well and to further the charitable objectives and mission
- Work to high ethical standards
- Allow time to contribute effectively
- The Charity Commission publication "The Essential Trustee what you need to know" provides further and in-depth information on becoming a Trustee

[Read more here](#)

3. The Person Specification

Having completed a recent Trustee skills audit, we have vacancies on the Board of Trustees to broaden the skills, abilities & representation to better mirror the community we serve. As such, this person specification outlines the essential and desirable skills & experience we seek & our commitment to equity, diversity and inclusion.

Essential Skills such as...

- Enthusiasm for community building
- Strong Communication skills
- Appreciation of the Arts, Heritage & Culture
- Commitment to equity, diversity and inclusion
- Ability to make sound decisions based on the information presented
- To work as a team
- An understanding of the legal duties, responsibilities & liabilities of Trusteeship

Desirable Skills such as...

- Arts, Heritage or Cultural background
- Fundraising
- Grant application and Bid writing
- Marketing including Digital Media
- Youth or Community work
- Construction/Architecture
- Law

4. TERMS OF APPOINTMENT

Time commitment – Trustees are required to commit time to attend the following;

4 Trustee Meetings per year*

- Key Events and Activities (4 per year)
- One specialist role on a project/subcommittee

*Meetings are held at the Parks Trust Pavilion, Campbell Park.

In person is preferable but virtual attendance is available as part of our D&I.

This is a voluntary position and unpaid, however, there is no doubt that being a Trustee is one of the most rewarding & powerful ways you can contribute & support the local community. Joining the MK Rose Trust Board is a way to gain new skills and knowledge of the community in Milton Keynes & to increase your networks.

Duration

The initial appointment is for three years.

Successful candidates will be co-opted for an induction period of two meetings. Upon mutual agreement a decision shall be made to become a full Trustee.

5. HOW TO APPLY

To apply please provide the following:

- A letter of application outlining how you meet the person specification
- A CV & Biography outlining your roles, responsibilities & achievements. Please include details of any service as a Board Trustee or any other voluntary/community work
- Contact details and address
- Name of two Referees

Please e-mail your application to miltonkeynesrose@gmail.com and add **TRUSTEE APPLICATION** in the email header.

Please also e-mail if you would like to arrange an informal phone conversation prior to applying.

Please note that certain individuals are not eligible to act as Trustees.

You will be ineligible if;

1. You have an unspent conviction for an offence involving dishonesty or deception
2. You are currently declared as bankrupt, subject to bankruptcy restrictions or an interim order
3. You have an individual arrangement to pay off debts with creditors
4. You are disqualified from becoming a company director
5. You have previously been removed as a Trustee by either the Charity Commission or the High Court due to misconduct or mismanagement
6. You are under 18 years of age

Thank you for your interest in the Milton Keynes Rose Trust and we look forward to hearing from you soon.

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Milton Keynes Rose events are free to attend and donations are always welcomed to help bring people to this special Milton Keynes space.

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