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Call for Board members and Advisors

About Four Corners

Four Corners is a centre for socially engaged film and photography that champions creative expression for social change. Through long-term projects, we connect communities with innovative image-makers, to learn new skills and create art that responds to their lived experience. Drawing on our radical heritage, our exhibitions explore how photography and film can tell stories from the margins, looking to the past to **inspire** the future.

We know that access to the arts is not equal, and we are working to change that. We strive for an inclusive approach, and are committed to diversity and inclusion across our organisation, in our workforce, governance, audiences and programmes. We recognise that structural change is needed to achieve positive transformation, and we are working on creating an interconnected approach to promote social equity and justice across our staff, board and programmes. This includes working with a network of partners in the local community, archives, education, and the arts.

Four Corners is inspired by its radical history, which it shares with the Half Moon Photography Workshop and Camerawork. <u>Four Corners Archive</u> is an online collection of this early work. Find more information on Four Corners here.

Current programmes

Our current programmes include <u>The People's Gallery</u>, <u>East End Stories</u> and <u>Camera-works</u>. The summer 2024 exhibition celebrates work from the <u>Bengali Photography Archive</u>, a new collection created in collaboration with Swadhinata Trust and Tower Hamlets Local History Library and Archives. Four Corners is excited to celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2024-2025.

Charity and building

Four Corners is a registered charity, and employs twelve part-time staff. We are based at our freehold building at 121 Roman Road, in Bethnal Green, London. The centre comprises a public gallery, studio, training/meeting room, darkrooms and offices. It is home to fifteen creative companies working in film, photography and related media. Over forty people work in the five-storey building at any one time.

Call for new Board members and Advisors

We are looking for new Board members and Advisors to join us at an exciting as well as challenging point in our development.

Board members

We are seeking people who can offer their skills and expertise to Four Corners. We particularly welcome new board members from different backgrounds and experiences who can help broaden our knowledge and approach.

- You will be involved in making decisions about the charity's professional and cultural direction, business planning and strategy, and monitoring financial performance and accountability.
- We are particularly seeking people with specialisms in arts and business marketing, business planning, diversity and inclusion, HR, and film/photographic curation.
- This is an unpaid trustee position. You will be expected to attend 3-4 meetings a year.

Advisors

We are looking for advisors to support our Curatorial and Programmes working groups. They are composed of staff/non-staff members, and meet 3 times per year. Advisors are reimbursed for their travel expenses.

- The curatorial working group helps to develop Four Corners' public programme and audience development. This includes discussion and selection of external exhibition proposals, and giving advice and guidance on archival and curatorial projects, funding applications and partner collaborations.
- The programmes working group this new group will help develop Four Corners' participatory and skills training projects and new collaborations. It will support a focus on diversity and inclusion, as well as advice on outreach, partnerships and funding.

To express an interest

If you are interested in joining Four Corners' board, or would like to offer your skills as an Advisor, please send an up-to-date CV, and with a covering letter (no more than one A4 page) describing your interest and background to Sally Irvine – sally@fourcornersfilm.co.uk

Deadline for Expressions of Interest: 4 October 2024