



## in it together: call-out for arts professionals

house, the South East venue network, is seeking individuals who are interested in volunteering time and expertise to support the industry during this difficult time.

In response to the ever-changing needs of arts organisations, house is setting up a pool of individuals who can offer in-kind 1-2-1 support for venues in the South East who need it. The network will be made up of volunteers from across the region with differing areas of expertise and experience.

Applications are open to anyone with at least 3 years' experience in their chosen area of expertise within the arts and culture industry. house particularly welcomes applications from trustees and those currently working in, or furloughed from, venues in the South East. Farnham Maltings is an equal opportunities organisation and encourages individuals from all backgrounds to apply.

Volunteers will be able to decide how much time they contribute, but it is predicted that commitment will be around 1-2 hours every month.

For more information see below or contact Steph Richardson at [steph@housetheatre.org.uk](mailto:steph@housetheatre.org.uk)

**Please submit your application using one of the following methods:**

- [online volunteer application form](#)
- [MS Word volunteer application form](#)

**Other links:**

[Website page for 'in it together'](#)

[Large print version PDF](#)

[Large print version MS Word](#)

[Digital flyer for sharing](#)

## more information

### what is house?

house was established in 2012 as an initiative to improve the range, quality and scale of theatre presented across the south east of England. It exists to support venues to develop audiences for high-quality contemporary work from some of the most exciting theatre-makers, writers and producers around. There are approximately 180 venues in the South East venue network.

house is an initiative delivered by Farnham Maltings and funded by Arts Council England.

[Visit website housetheatre.org.uk](http://housetheatre.org.uk)

### what are the desired outcomes of the 'in it together' programme?

By offering bespoke support to venues, the ambitions are to:

- Allow venues to access in-kind support during this difficult time
- Encourage venues to diversify sources of support
- Utilise the expertise in the region
- Encourage venues to explore new approaches to problem-solving
- Strengthen professional relationships
- Advocate generosity within the arts and culture industry
- Encourage skills-sharing



### **how will the 'in it together' programme run?**

Venues in the South East will be able to access this support easily via the house website. Their need will be matched with a volunteer advisor, who has the right to accept or decline the request. Support will take the form of a phone call, video call or email exchange, and should be offered within 7 days of the venue's request.

### **what is the person specification for volunteer advisors?**

Individuals applying will:

- Be currently working for an arts organisation in the South East
- Be dedicated to improving the sector
- Believe in the power of generosity and working together
- Understand house's [values](#)
- Be able to share an objective point of view
- Have an interest in connecting with peers and supporting those who are seeking to diversify sources of support

### **what areas of expertise should volunteers have?**

Areas and needs will vary, but as a guideline, house is seeking those with confidence and experience in at least one of the following areas:

- Accessibility and inclusion
- Artist development
- Audience development
- Business
- Cultural enterprising (generating income)
- Digital skills (e.g. streaming)
- Diversity
- Finance
- Fundraising and development
- Legal
- Marketing
- Programming

Applicants will have the opportunity to add more areas if needed.

### **Why is this programme only available for venues in the South East?**

The 'in it together' programme will support South East venues and the networks they support through their activity.

If you're an artist or theatre-maker looking for support, take a look at this resource made available for a variety of needs: [Theatre SkillShare 2020](#).