

Utopia Theatre

Trustees Recruitment Pack



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A welcome to potential Utopia Theatre trustees

Thanks for showing your interest in joining our Board

This is a great opportunity for the right people to take Utopia into its next phase of growth. Our organisation has evolved profoundly over the past ten years, reflecting our commitment to excellence in African theatre. We seek to enhance our governance with new trustees who bring specific skills and experiences, contributing to our mission of fostering a thriving theatre community. Its an exhilarating opportunity to influence the future of Utopia.



About Utopia Theatre

Utopia Theatre is a National Portfolio Organisation formed in 2012 to create exceptional world-class African theatre with imaginative flair for the British and international stage. Utopia Theatre produces plays and re-imagine classics in a way that demonstrates their contemporary relevance and appeal to a new audience and regular theatregoers. The company synthesises African and Western performing traditions to celebrate the meeting of different cultures, with programmes aimed at developing and promoting writers and performers from the African diaspora. Utopia Theatre is dedicated to demonstrating the rich cultural heritage of Africa's theatre canon, and in so doing, dispel stereotypes and encourage authentic voices from the African Diaspora.

Founded by CEO and artistic director Mojisola Kareem, the charitable organisation aims to empower and engage African communities, support emerging artists and inspire the next generation. Utopia Theatre also uses African theatre as part of storytelling in schools and communities and hosts digital theatre.



Mojisola Kareem, CEO/Artistic Director

Our recent productions and Creative Hub

Anna Hibiscus' Song

At Utopia Theatre, we recently celebrated a significant success with our production of "Anna Hibiscus' Song" on UK-wide tour. This adaptation of Atinuke's beloved book brought the vibrancy of Africa to life on stage, complete with golden lighting and the rhythms of African drums. Praised for its heartwarming narrative and immersive set design, the show perfectly captured the joy and love within a family, connecting with audiences of all ages. A testament to our dedication to inclusive storytelling and our ambition to continually create theatre that inspires, educates, and connects communities.



Utopia Theatre's Creative Hub in Sheffield's city centre is a vibrant cultural venue offering a space for African and Caribbean cultural celebrations. It is an inspiring location for hosting various events and activities such as workshops, meetings, screenings, rehearsals, exhibitions etc.



We are proud of **Utopia Theatre Youth Academy**, which offers performing arts classes and workshops to empower young people aged 9-19. With a focus on African oral storytelling and performance techniques, the academy nurtures creativity and confidence.

Future Productions

Death and the King's Horseman

Life is honour. It ends when honour ends.

Set in Nigeria in the late 1940's and based on a true story, Elesin, the king's horseman, is tasked with carrying out a sacred ritual upon the death of the king. He is overtaken by the allure of earthly desires. A thought-provoking resonant theatrical experience showcasing music and dance forms, deeply rooted in the culture and spirituality of the Yoruba people.



To book tickets for this show in February 2025, at the Crucible Theatre, please [click here](#)

Ambitious Next Phase

“For more than ten years, Sheffield-based Utopia Theatre has been championing the wide range of benefits associated with making culture more accessible and inclusive. I’ve proudly been Chair of the board for just under three years, during which time we’ve staged countless compelling productions and events, welcoming so many people who previously felt theatre, drama - even the arts as a whole - wasn’t for them”

Maxine, Trustee Chair





What Utopia Theatre offers

- A chance to shape the strategic direction of a dynamic theatre company
- Opportunities to connect with the arts community and contribute to cultural vitality
- Engagement with a diverse and passionate team dedicated to making a difference

We are looking for trustees with:

- Strong connections in Sheffield
- Property development or acquiring business premises
- Safeguarding and wellbeing policy and practice
- Strong connections in film, television, and recorded media
- Fundraising, accounting, financial, and business management
- Commercial and business law
- Digital/technology
- Human resources



Our Organisation

Please see further information about the Utopia Team, Board and Artists at www.utopiatheatre.co.uk/about/meet-the-team/

Further Information

If you are interested in becoming a trustee please complete an Expression of Interest form and send it to info@utopiatheatre.co.uk. See further details at utopiatheatre.co.uk/jobs/board-of-trustee-vacancy/