

THE SUPER SLOW WAY

INDEPENDENT CHAIR
FOR SSW CONSORTIUM

Deadline: Friday 5th December



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ABOUT SUPER SLOW WAY

Super Slow Way is a cultural development programme rooted in the communities of Pennine Lancashire, co-creating transformative, long-term artistic projects with people who live and work along the Leeds & Liverpool Canal. As part of Arts Council England's Creative People and Places (CPP) programme, we believe that everyone has the right to art and culture in their lives — not as an add-on, but as a vital part of how communities grow, connect, and thrive.

Following a successful bid to Arts Council England for a further three years of funding (2026 - 29) under our new lead body Super Slow Way Ltd, we are now seeking an Independent Chair to lead and facilitate the work of our Creative People and Places Consortium group – a committed consortium of local partners working collaboratively to guide the strategic direction and governance of the Super Slow Way CPP programme.

ABOUT THE ROLE

The Independent Chair will play a pivotal role in supporting the Consortium partners to work collaboratively, transparently, and effectively, in line with Super Slow Way's values and the wider aims of Creative People and Places. You'll help shape our collective vision and ensure good governance, while championing the voice of our communities at every level.

This is not a trustee role but you'll be a trusted facilitator and strategic guide, ensuring that the Consortium group remains accountable to its purpose and the people it serves.

This is a voluntary role which we hope will be appointed for an initial 3 year period with an option to review after the first 12 months. We expect the role will need about 1 day per month of your time, all expenses will be covered & we know you will gain a lot of professional satisfaction from playing such a key role in helping to deliver our ambitious programme here in East Lancashire.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

- **Lead the Consortium Group:** Chair quarterly meetings, facilitating inclusive discussion, strategic decision-making, and clear governance processes.
- **Ensure collaborative working:** Foster open communication across partners, ensure transparency, and enable healthy discussion and conflict resolution when needed.
- **Champion community voice:** Ensure that community perspectives are embedded in decision-making processes and that local people remain at the heart of everything we do.
- **Uphold governance standards:** Ensure the group operates within the agreed Terms of Reference and adheres to relevant policies, including conflict of interest.
- **Advocate for the programme:** Represent Super Slow Way's CPP programme in strategic conversations and support the profile and reach of the programme where appropriate.
- **Support strategic development:** Help steer the long-term vision, values and mission of Super Slow Way's CPP programme in line with our principles of co-creation and cultural democracy.
- **Facilitate decision-making between meetings (where necessary) under delegated authority from the group.**

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR

We're looking for someone who shares our values and brings experience of working collaboratively within a cultural or community-focused context.

ESSENTIAL QUALITIES

- Commitment to Super Slow Way's values of cultural democracy, co-creation, inclusion and equity.
- Experience chairing strategic or governance meetings and enabling collaborative decision-making.
- Ability to foster inclusive, respectful dialogue and support the expression of diverse perspectives.
- Skilled at managing group dynamics and facilitating healthy, productive relationships.
- Strategic thinker, able to support vision-setting while remaining grounded in local context.
- A genuine respect for and understanding of the importance of lived experience and community leadership.

To apply please email to kate@superslowway.org.uk by Friday 5th December detailing your interest in the role and any experience you bring to it, please include links to any relevant bio's or an attached CV. If you'd like an informal chat or further information prior to applying please get in touch.

Super Slow Way is committed to reflecting and celebrating the diversity of our communities across East Lancashire in all aspects of our work and relationships including with artists, audiences, staff, board and partners.

We especially welcome applications from Black, Asian and ethnically diverse individuals and people who identify as Deaf, disabled and neurodivergent. If you have any additional support requirements to help make this process easier for you, then please let us know and we'll do our best to provide them.