

VAGINA MUSEUM

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Who We Are

The Vagina Museum is the world's first bricks and mortar museum dedicated to vaginas, vulvas & the gynaecological anatomy. The idea was born in 2017 after realising that there was a penis museum in Iceland, but no museum dedicated to vaginas and vulvas, anywhere in the world.

The Vagina Museum opened its first premises in 2019 in Camden Market and after a period of closure opened new premises in Bethnal Green in November 2023.

Our values are cemented with respect, integrity, empowerment and inclusiveness and our mission is to spread knowledge and raise awareness of the gynaecological anatomy and health.

What We Do

We operate a free-entry museum open to the public throughout the week. Alongside our permanent exhibition 'From A to V', which is dedicated to anatomy, health, vulva diversity and activism, we operate a community gallery, gift shop and cafe, and host regular events.

We give confidence to people to talk about issues surrounding gynaecological anatomy, erase the stigma around the body and gynaecological anatomy, act as a forum for feminism, women's rights, the LGBT+ and intersex community, challenge heteronormative and cisnormative behaviour, and promote intersectional, feminist and trans-inclusive values.

Become A Trustee

We are looking to strengthen our existing Board of Trustees and are particularly interested in hearing from people with expertise in the following areas:

- Fundraising
- Equality, Diversity & Inclusion
- Education or outreach in school-based settings
- Marketing
- Finance

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As the Vagina Museum enters an exciting new phase following the securing of our new permanent home in Bethnal Green, we are also looking to recruit a new Chair of the Trustee board. If you are interested in this role, please make it clear within your application.

We give all new recruits a three-month period as “board observers” so they can see how we work as a board, join in with activities and get a feel of what it means to be a trustee, prior to committing to becoming an official trustee.

The initial commitment we ask of all Trustees is a minimum two-year term. We expect Trustees to contribute actively to the Board by setting and maintaining strategic direction; setting overall policy; defining goals and setting targets; oversight of fundraising, evaluating performance; ensuring the charity’s effective and efficient administration and financial stability; ensuring compliance with the law; and promotion of the Museum.

The average time commitment is between five and eight hours per month, and the majority of responsibilities can be carried out remotely, although occasional in-person meetings in London are required and we encourage trustees to visit the museum and meet their fellow trustees and the wider team of staff and volunteers. Reasonable out of pocket expenses can be paid.

There is no need to have trustee experience to apply. However, an interest in the promotion of intersectional feminism is necessary. The Vagina Museum holds and promotes the values of equality, diversity and inclusivity and we are seeking trustees who would be ambassadors to these values. We particularly welcome applications from Black and Asian people, and people who are trans or identify as non-binary as they are underrepresented on the current board.

Meetings are flexible and normally online via Zoom or Google Meet. They typically fall on weekday evenings, but setting the meeting schedule is done through board consensus.

Responsibilities:

- Attend monthly Board meetings and an annual planning day
- Fundraising
- Fulfilling administrative, financial and legal requirements
- Willingness to familiarise themselves with the legal duties, responsibilities and liabilities of trusteeship.

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- Be a challenging advocate, as well as diligent and passionate about the mission and work of the Museum

How to apply: Email a CV and cover letter (of no more than one A4 page) detailing why you want to be a trustee for the Vagina Museum and the skills you can bring to this role. If you are applying for the Chair role, please make this clear within your application. Applications and requests for further information can be made to sarah.harman@vaginamuseum.co.uk

Interviews will take place online. If you require any reasonable adjustments to participate in the application process please contact sarah.harman@vaginamuseum.co.uk

Closing date: Sunday 31st March

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