



## **Community Advisory Panel (CAP) Membership: Creative Industries / Information Advice & Guidance (IAG) Professional Volunteer role description**

**Commitment:** 4 meetings per year + ad hoc advice and guidance

**Duration:** 1-3 years

### **Background**

Cambridge Community Arts is a local charity offering a range of creative courses to adults at risk of social isolation, primarily due to experience of mental ill-health. Our courses are delivered by network of experienced freelance Creative Tutors, many of whom have combined their creative careers with teaching or supporting people in the community. We have worked with over 1500 individuals who tell us that our courses are life changing. In addition to developing creative skills, they grow in confidence and re-engage with society. For those who have completed a course with us our Next Steps programme offers 1:1 support to help them think about what they would like to do next. Many participants want to focus on working in the creative industries or on making money from their artform, while others may be looking for opportunities to volunteer or progress to further education or training. As well as helping people to define and work towards their goals we initiate introductions to employers and build links with organisations outside of CCA to support progression. The funding for the project comes to an end in March 2023 and we are currently defining what our future offer will be and fundraising to support it.

### **Community Advisory Panel**

The CAP is a forum for the key stakeholders of CCA's community programme to ensure best practice across all areas and provide an informed understanding of the context of the external environment within which we are working. Alongside CCA staff and learner representation, the panel has professionals currently working in Mental Health and Education. The panel meets 4 times per year to review practice and policies and procedures. CCA staff may also contact panel members on an ad hoc basis to provide advice and guidance or input to specific areas of work. Full details are available in the Terms of Reference.

### **Skills and Experience required**

This role on the CAP is to provide an external specialist perspective on relevant matters to support the work of CCA. The purpose of this role is to particularly provide support to the development of our Next Steps Creative Futures project. Knowledge, expertise or experience in any of the following areas would be relevant for the role: Information, Advice and Guidance, local creative industries, workforce inclusivity and diversity, professional mentorships. An understanding of risk management and safeguarding is desirable. Experience of policy development and implementation is desirable.

### **Expenses**

Reasonable travel expenses can be provided if necessary.