

COMPANY DRINKS SEEKS NEW MEMBERS FOR OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Company Drinks is a well-established community space and social enterprise based in Barking and Dagenham.

Our home is the former Outdoor Bowls Pavilion in Barking Park, with numerous multi use indoor and outdoor spaces.

Company Drinks registered as a Community Interest Company (CIC) in 2015, and we are organised in a cooperative manner by a team of five who work between 1-3 days/week.

Our year round often intergenerational programmes ranges from Community Herbalism and Growing, Wild and Well programmes for families, Picking Trips locally and to the nearby countryside, to community-led Food Research and Open Days.

Company Drinks sees itself as part of a larger community-focused ecosystem of care, that strives for an equal, just and non-discriminatory world.

Context for Extending the CIC's Board of Directors

2023 marks a very exciting year for Company Drinks, as this spring marks our 10th year of 'going picking' together and we are preparing to strengthen and develop the organisation to enter its second decade. Company Drinks is proud of its achievements so far and is here to stay.

The Board plays an important role in our organisational ecosystem of mutual support, and we are excited to welcome new members who like us believe passionately in the importance of unlocking and fairly sharing the resources and knowledge around us. We are looking particularly, but not exclusively, for individuals who have expertise in the following areas:

- Finance and Bookkeeping
- Fundraising and Developing Relationships with Foundations
- HR and Organisational Policies
- Legal Advice (in regards to our site)
- Community Food Sector
- Developing Multi-Stakeholder Programmes and Dialogue

The director's role is currently unpaid, but we have funds to pay members of the board who can't support the organisation in an unpaid role. The current hourly rate that is paid across all programmes and activities is £16,50 per hour. Reasonable travel expenses can be covered.

As a Board member you will agree to:

- Attend board meetings (minimum 3 a year).
- Be up to date with the business of the company.
- Offer timely feedback and responses within your realm of expertise.
- Advocate for the company where/when appropriate.

Deadline for applications: 12th May 2023 at 5pm

Send your application with subject: 'Application Board Member' to walt@companydrinks.info

