

CVAN EM Steering Group Recruitment | Summary Document

CVAN East Midlands (CVAN EM) is seeking new Steering Group members to join at a key moment of growth, investment and regional development.

Who Can Apply

Artists, freelancers, and arts workers based in the East Midlands (Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Northamptonshire, Nottinghamshire, Rutland), aged 18+ and not in undergraduate study.

Key Dates

Deadline: Monday 11 May, 10am

Responses: Tuesday 19 May, 5pm

Role: Voluntary, 4 meetings per year & 1 Development Day

Start: October 2026 (handover meeting in July 2026)

Roles Available

- **2 Sponsored Artist / Freelance roles**
(£200 per quarterly meeting + annual development day)
- **2–3 Organisational Representatives**
(arts workers supported by their employer)

Commitment:

4 meetings per year (Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct) + 1 annual Development Day

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About CVAN EM

CVAN EM is a free-to-access network supporting contemporary visual arts across the East Midlands. Part of a national network, we connect artists and organisations, advocate for the sector, and support long-term, equitable development.

Why Join?

This is a pivotal moment for CVAN EM. Current priorities include:

- Advocacy and national influence
- Investment in artists and arts workers
- Increasing regional visibility
- Building inclusive infrastructure

You'll also contribute to *Ode to the Midlands* (2026–27), a major programme supporting mid-career artists.

What the Steering Group Does

Members:

- Advise on strategy and priorities
- Advocate for the region
- Contribute insight from their practice and experience
- Support sector development and dialogue

What You'll Gain

- Leadership and professional development
- Regional and national networks
- Opportunity to shape the visual arts sector
- Peer learning and collaboration

Who We're Looking For

We welcome applicants who:

- Are committed to equity, access and inclusion
- Bring lived experience, strategic thinking or creative insight
- Are motivated to actively contribute

Access

- Meetings are online, hybrid and in-person
- Access Riders are welcomed
- Materials shared in advance

How to Apply

Submit:

- Contact details
- A short statement (max 500 words or alternative format) covering:
 - Your practice/role
 - Why you're interested
 - What you would bring
- CV and/or portfolio/website
- Indicate role type (Sponsored or Organisational)

Alternative formats (audio/video) are welcome.

Send to: colette@cvaneastmidlands.co.uk, subject line CVAN EM Steering Group Recruitment

Application Form

Applicant Details	
Name:	Address:
Organisation (if relevant):	
Email:	
Website:	Postcode:

Application	
A short statement (max 500 words or alternative format) outlining: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your practice/role • Why you're interested • What you would bring to the Steering Group 	
Role Applying for (please highlight the relevant response):	
Sponsored Role (freelance)	Organisational Role (supported by your employer)