

Director Recruitment Information

About the Festival

Morecambe Maritime Festival CIC is a not-for-profit Community Interest Company established in 2024 to celebrate Morecambe's proud maritime heritage and strengthen community wellbeing through music, performance, and education. Rooted in the town's fishing and shipping history, the festival connects families, local businesses, and community groups through a programme of maritime-themed music, song, theatre, and creative workshops. We also raise funds for the Morecambe Lifeboats, supporting their lifesaving work across Morecambe Bay.

Since launching in 2024, the festival has grown in scale and ambition, building towards becoming a key event in the North West's maritime and traditional music scene. Highlights so far include:

- A community festival fayre bringing together small businesses and community groups.
- Workshops for families and young people exploring local maritime traditions and environment to enhance wellbeing.
- Local and national performances of traditional maritime and folk music, local drama, poetry, and storytelling.
- Consistent growth in visitors, positive community feedback, and donations supporting Morecambe lifeboats.

Our vision is to become the major maritime community event on the Northwest Lancashire coast which also engages with the Eden Project North in Morecambe. Our 2026 goal is to consolidate our organisation and business model to ensure long-term sustainability and develop new partnerships with funders, sponsors, and other maritime and traditional music festivals across the UK.

Company Directors

The company is led by a small, experienced team:

Name / Role	Experience
John Metcalfe (Festival Director)	Over 40 years in business, quality, and project management; six years' experience in maritime performance and festival delivery.
Casey Knowles-O'Sullivan (Director)	Experienced in venue management.

2025 Volunteer Committee

Company Directors

Anne Holloway (Volunteer)	15 years' experience in creative and community arts (Nottingham & Morecambe Poetry Festivals).
Johnny Bean (Volunteer)	20 years' experience delivering creative projects (Seaside Sculpture Festival, Baylight, Morecambe Artist Colony).

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The Role: Director (Voluntary)

We are seeking to appoint two new executive directors, and two new non-executive directors to join our board and help the organisation through its next stage of growth towards achieving its vision. As a director, you will:

- Contribute to strategic planning and governance.
- Support the development of partnerships, sponsorship, and funding opportunities.
- Act as an ambassador for the festival within Morecambe and beyond.
- Provide guidance and oversight in your area of professional expertise.
- Attend regular board meetings (a minimum of six per year) and participate in festival activities where possible.

Who We're Looking For

We welcome individuals who share our passion for Morecambe, maritime heritage, community development, and the arts. We are particularly interested in candidates who can bring skills or experience in areas such as:

- **Fundraising, sponsorship, or partnership development**
- **Community engagement**
- Business development or financial management
- Event or project management
- Traditional music, maritime or folk festivals
- Marketing, PR, or digital communications
- Governance, legal, or compliance

Commitment and Support

This is a voluntary position. Meetings are held approximately every two months, with additional involvement around the festival period. The role offers an opportunity to contribute to one of the North West's emerging coastal community festivals and help shape a sustainable future for a growing event.

How to Apply

If you would like to express interest or arrange an informal conversation, please contact:

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