



## Applicant Information for Voluntary Director Position

### **The International Ceramics Festival**

[www.internationalceramicsfestival.org](http://www.internationalceramicsfestival.org)

Aberystwyth Arts Centre, Aberystwyth University, Aberystwyth, Ceredigion, SY23 3DE

### **Festival Overview**

The International Ceramics Festival (ICF) is Europe's premier International Ceramics Festival and is held biennially at Aberystwyth Arts Centre on the campus of Aberystwyth University on the mid-Wales coast. Since it began in 1987, the three-day festival has grown to become one of the UK's leading ceramics events. It offers teachers, students, ceramic artists, collectors and hobbyists the chance to meet and study the work of distinguished, internationally known potters and ceramicists from the UK and around the world.

The Festival attracts over 1000 people who attend lectures, watch practical demonstrations and visit our special exhibitions over a long weekend at the end of June or early July. Our international demonstrators showcase a variety of skills and techniques from throwing to 3D printing, kiln building and performance firings. The next festival will take place on the weekend of Friday June 30th to Sunday July 2nd 2023.

International Ceramics Festival Ltd (ICF Ltd) is a Company Limited by Guarantee and is run jointly by Wales's two potters groups, North Wales Potters and South Wales Potters, together with Aberystwyth University and Arts Centre. The festival has had sponsorship from Potclays, one of the UK's main ceramics suppliers and other ceramic supply companies. It has financial support from Arts Council Wales.

### **The Role**

The ICF is currently run by a board of five Directors on a voluntary basis. Members of the Board of Directors work closely together with a team of self employed contractors to organize and deliver the festival. Directors have traditionally been members of one of the member organizations but as we now hold most board meetings via Zoom we are inviting interest from additional people including those not necessarily based in Wales.

Members are expected to attend once a month board meetings on Zoom with additional involvement around the festival.

This is an exciting position to be part of a historical festival at a significant turning point where we hope to develop the programme in new directions. In summer 2021 we held our first online ICF event '*Rewind - Over 30 years of the International Ceramics Festival at Aberystwyth*' and

desire to continue exploring opportunities to deliver the festival in a hybrid way in the future.

### The Candidate

Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● A passion for ceramics</li><li>● Ability to attend monthly Zoom meetings with possibility of more involvement beyond that in the future</li><li>● An international outlook</li><li>● Ability to work as part of a team</li></ul>
Desirable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Experience of running a business on a larger scale than sole trader</li><li>● Fundraising experience</li><li>● Digital knowledge e.g. of running online events</li><li>● Ability to speak Welsh</li></ul>

Time commitment: 1 year (with possible opportunity to continue beyond this) July 2022-July 2023

### To apply for the post

Please email [administrator@icfwales.co.uk](mailto:administrator@icfwales.co.uk) with the following information and **email subject 'Volunteer Director'**:

- Your name and contact details
- The reason you are interested in this role
- Particular knowledge, skills or experience you could bring to the role
- What you hope to gain from the role

Shortlisted candidates will be invited to an informal phone call with one of our directors.

**Deadline for applications: Friday July 22nd 2022**