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- A Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) is a corporate form of business designed for (and only available to) charitable organisations in England and Wales
- A CIO comes into being (is 'constituted') once it is registered as such by the Charity Commission for England and Wales
- The main benefits of the CIO form are that the charity is a corporation with legal personality (the ability to enter contracts, sue and be sued, and to hold property in its own name – rather than in the name of its trustees), and its members have limited liability

St George's Guildhall & Creative Hub CIO

Its charitable objects are:

- “The advancement of, understanding and appreciation of the arts for public benefit by the provision of theatrical performances, public activities and events at the historic St. George's Guildhall and creative hub site. The preservation and conservation of St. George's Guildhall, its outbuildings and historically significant surrounding land for the public benefit through the provision of public events, relevant performances, and cultural and educational activities”.

[Charity overview, ST. GEORGE'S GUILDHALL AND CREATIVE HUB - 1204051, Register of Charities - The Charity Commission](#)

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The CIO

- Will be the lessee for the site (once redeveloped) with a long-term agreement
- Will be responsible for operating the site (once redeveloped) as a heritage visitor attraction, education resource and creative hub by day, and a theatre and entertainment venue by night
- Will engage and oversee a professional management team who will be responsible for the day-to-day management of the Centre
- Will be ultimately responsible for the governance of the CIO, St Georges Guildhall and Creative Hub and adherence to its charitable Objects, ensuring that the charity is well-run and efficient

The trustees and the Chair are unremunerated volunteers

CIO Trustees

- Trustees were recruited through an open, transparent and robust process, facilitated by a professional firm with experience in this area.
- The recruitment was driven by skills needed on the CIO
- Trustees have a range of relevant skills and experience and as at November 2023 are:
 - Baroness Natalie Evans (Chair)
 - Craig Symonds
 - Erika Clegg
 - Andrew Barnes
 - Robert Anderson

Link to Charity Commission register:

[Trustees, ST. GEORGE'S GUILDHALL AND CREATIVE HUB - 1204051, Register of Charities - The Charity Commission](#)

More information

- [St Georges Guildhall Creative Hub Cabinet Report April 2022](#)
- [Press article on recruitment of trustees](#)