

# *Friends of* **KETTLE'S YARD**

## **Join the Friends of Kettle's Yard Committee**



*Kettle's Yard, photo: Hufton + Crow*



*Friends Annual Party 2024. Photo: Will Blakesley-Herbert*

The Friends of Kettle's Yard are seeking a new Secretary to join the Friends Committee to help support the smooth running of the Friends.

### **SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE:**

We are looking for a Committee member who:

- Has good communication skills.
- Is able to listen and take notes accurately.
- Can commit the time required to be a member of the committee (around 5 hours a month).
- Has good IT skills, using Microsoft Word, Excel, Teams and Zoom.

### **THIS ROLE WILL SUIT SOMEONE:**

- With an interest or experience in the visual arts and heritage.
- Who would like to be involved in the local community.
- Who wants to support Kettle's Yard.

## FRIENDS OF KETTLE'S YARD COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

The Secretary of the Friends Committee is responsible for:

- Organising 3 - 4 Friends Committee meetings a year, taking and circulating notes and ensuring action points are followed through.
- Being an active voice and contributing to decision making.
- Co-organising the Friends Annual Party.
- Liaising with other sub-committees including the Friends Events Committee.

## Further Information About the Role

- The role is a voluntary unpaid position; however, any reasonable expenses will be reimbursed.
- You do not need any qualifications to be considered for the role.
- We particularly welcome applications from disabled people and people of colour as these are currently under-represented on our Committee.
- If you have any questions or would like to discuss the role, please get in touch with the Friends team by emailing [friends@kettlesyard.cam.ac.uk](mailto:friends@kettlesyard.cam.ac.uk).



The Kettle's Yard House

## Kettle's Yard Values



### Openness

Encompassing our commitment to access, equality, anti-racism and enriching communities. Seeking to be generous and caring, making a programme of events and activities inspired by Jim and Helen Ede's vision of a place in which everyone is welcome and can be enriched.

### Creativity

Fundamental to the ethos of Kettle's Yard, from inspiring visitors to be creative in their own lives and communities, to the diverse creativity of the artists we support and whose work we present, to how we think about the future of Kettle's Yard.

### Collaboration

Working with others - to learn from them and achieve stronger and richer outcomes. Contributes to sustainability through adding value and efficiency when exhibitions and projects are organised collaboratively and shared widely.

### Insight

As part of the university, we undertake, enable, and disseminate research to generate new insights about art and artists, so deepening knowledge and enriching public engagement. We can elicit valuable insights and learn and grow as an organisation through conversations - whether with children and young people, members of the community, visitors or among our colleagues.

### Sustainability

There is a cost to our existence and our work. Addressing how we run Kettle's Yard to reduce our carbon footprint is essential. We need to act and plan to reduce waste of all kinds and strengthen our financial resilience to secure our long-term health and wellbeing. This runs across everything that we do.

### Kettle's Yard Ambitions 2023-7

**To make outstanding exhibitions :** Celebrating art and artists of the 20th and 21st centuries. An exhibitions programme which champions diversity, draws on research and inspires creativity.

**To launch and develop 'Perspectives':** A platform for commissioning and sharing research, projects and programmes, deepening understanding and knowledge of the house and collection, and our wider programme, through many voices and stories.

**To inspire and engage young people, children and local communities:** Building on long standing creative programmes with young people, schools and communities and offering new opportunities for students at the University of Cambridge.

**To devise and implement a new Research Strategy:** Strengthening Kettle's Yard role as a resource and catalyst for research and insight, through new programmes and publications.

**To implement a major fundraising campaign:** To build the endowment by £5m by 2027, Kettle's Yard's 70th anniversary, so we can plan ahead and sustain our reputation for excellence and innovation.

Running through the Five Ambitions, and across all of Kettle's Yard's work, is a continuing commitment to anti-racism and to environmental responsibility. These key areas of organisational review and change are subject to separate action plans.

To get an overview of all of our work take a look at recent Annual Reports: <https://www.kettlesyard.cam.ac.uk/about-us/#annual-reports>

## HOW TO APPLY

Please send us a few lines of text outlining why you are interested in the role.

Please send this to Ruby and Nicci by 22 June 2026, by emailing [friends@kettlesyard.cam.ac.uk](mailto:friends@kettlesyard.cam.ac.uk).

We expect to hold an informal meeting with the applicants in early July.



Exhibition opening at Kettle's Yrd, photo: My Linh Le



Friends Annual Party, 2023