

Dear Members

What a year we've had. As we sift through the statistics and surveys, we can see that our visitor feedback was excellent! Congrats, everyone, on a brilliant event.

I wanted to reach out as we approach the AGM on 20th November.

Update on committee roles

This year, we formed a new committee with defined roles. Throughout the year, we have learnt a lot. We are recommending adding a few more officers to the committee. We propose an update to the constitution to make it more flexible in future. Instead of listing all the positions, we propose having three required officers:

- Chairperson
- Treasurer
- Secretary

And suggested roles:

- Marketing - Online
- Marketing - Printed Material
- Friends of SOS (coordinates the wider volunteer group)*
- Artists and Venues
- Sponsorship and events

Once convened, the committee will decide how to divide the work.

Committee member Update

I am pleased to say that some of the current committee members/volunteers have expressed an interest in volunteering next year. Sophie Boyce as Secretary, Michelle Whitmore in the areas of Artists and venues, Kristyna Grussova for Sponsorship and Events, and Toni Foot in Marketing Online.

Unfortunately, my roles in other voluntary positions have considerably grown, and after much heart-searching, I have resigned as Chairperson, as I will be unable to cover multiple voluntary roles next year. It was a very tough decision. Our Treasurer, Steve, has resigned, he has kindly said he will be available to show the next treasurer the ropes. Rhona Jack has also resigned due to other voluntary commitments and the need to work on personal projects.

All roles will be brought to the AGM for consideration and a formal vote on November 20th 2026.

We currently have the following positions vacant:

Chair person

Treasurer

Marketing - Printed Material

Friends of Swindon Open Studios (Instigate and run)*

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We would like to grow the group of volunteers who help with general tasks. We have a working title of "Friends of SOS". Quite a few new people have already expressed an interest

in being part of this group. It will be free to join and open to everyone, including our visitors, members of the public, and well, anyone who would like to volunteer for SOS!
We are looking for someone to help set up the group and organise the volunteers. This committee member will have quite a bit of autonomy as the group does not currently exist

If you are interested in any of the above, please email Sophie on swindonopenstudios@hotmail.co.uk for more details.

I would like to take this chance to thank everyone who has volunteered during 2025 and supported SOS, and the committee. I will miss being at the heart of it all, and I will definitely be on hand to support the new committee for 2026.

Looking forward to seeing you at the AGM on 20th November.

Anna Enright
Chairperson
Swindon Open Studios

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