



**MOMA**  
MACHYNLLETH

## Background information for candidates

The Machynlleth Tabernacle Trust was established on 18th March 1986 as a charitable company limited by guarantee. Initially its activities were mainly confined to promoting concerts in the newly refurbished former Wesleyan chapel, principally by means of an annual Festival starting in August 1987 and continuing every year since. At the same time The Trust started to build up a permanent collection of works of art. The nucleus of the Tabernacle Collection was transferred to the Machynlleth Tabernacle Trust from a small private collection in 1986. Since then additions have been made through various donors and artists and the collection now contains over 300 works by 20th & 21st Century Welsh artists. Once acquired these works are inalienable. The trust has overseen several acquisitions, conversions and developments over the years, resulting in the current complex which includes a well-used auditorium and several high-quality gallery spaces.

MOMA Machynlleth has the benefit of being part of year-round cultural activities alongside the exhibition programme including:

- the annual Machynlleth Festival which celebrates traditional Welsh culture plus jazz, classical music and international artists.
- cultural activities, independently promoted, including literature, Welsh and other language classes, art classes, lectures, public meetings and the Machynlleth Comedy Festival.

Full accreditation was received from MALD in January 2016 and some impressive exhibitions have been staged which attract national and international interest.

The centre continues to expand and is currently hoping to develop an adjoining building as a purpose-built storage for the growing art collection and as additional office space.

## The Next Phase of Development

We are at a critical and exciting point in our development. We are a well-established entity with assets totalling £2.5m in the form of award-winning gallery spaces and an auditorium, and have further ambitious plans including a project to develop purpose-built storage for our growing collection of modern art.

MOMA Machynlleth's achievements to date has relied heavily on the untiring voluntary contribution of its founders - the Lambert family. The recent death of a senior family member has highlighted that valuable contribution and emphasised the establishment's dependence on their efforts. The next generation are completely committed to securing the legacy and are active members of the Board. Due to business commitments they are not in a position to be as 'hands-on' in the day to day running of MOMA Machynlleth, and the Board have therefore agreed the need for a different business and staffing model in order to secure the future of an establishment that is so valued by Welsh artists and its widespread supporters.

The Board have conducted a thorough analysis of current and future needs and have agreed that the main priority is to appoint a Managing Director in order to establish and develop a sustainable business model. The Board view this as an exciting development which will build on the legacy and develop the contribution of MOMA Machynlleth to the arts in Wales.



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## **Next Steps**

The founders have built a sound footing for the Trust's continued success and regular charitable income streams are well established. Looking to the future, as the founders take a more guiding role, The Trust's Board of Directors recognise the need to develop its offering and to capitalise on additional income opportunities in the form of grants, charitable donations and commercial activities in order to ensure its long-term future.

We're looking for someone who has the vision to appreciate the opportunity that this unique role offers, and the incumbent MD will have the full support of staff, Directors and volunteers.

Prospective candidates are encouraged to explore the website, ask questions and visit if they have not already done so.

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Informal Conversation: 07779 306816 – Alun Jones (Chair)

Application Forms on the website: [moma.machynlleth.org.uk](http://moma.machynlleth.org.uk)

**Closing date for applications: 18<sup>th</sup> February 2019**