

## Board members

The Refugee Artisan Initiative program is seeking to appoint three new members to ensure we have the capacity and skills to oversee the next phase of our work; to include a treasurer and an individual with nonprofit leadership programming.

The roles are unpaid voluntary positions. Reasonable expenses are paid.

Board members are expected to attend monthly board meetings, but also to participate in the life of the organization between board meetings, providing input for programming and acting in an ambassadorial role for the Refugee Artisan Initiative programs. Board meetings are currently held monthly in Seattle.

Board terms are currently 1 year (term may be renewed).

### About The Refugee Artisan Initiative:

The Refugee Artisan Initiative (RAI) empowers immigrant and refugee women with the skills to design, make and market high quality handcrafted sewn goods so they can earn a fair market wage.

Refugees and immigrants face complicated social issues that can be obstacles to employment pathways and natural social integration including: language barriers, complex job skills, lack of access to safe and reliable transportation and the high cost of child care.

RAI provides these women training, tools and support to enhance the sewing skills they already have. Once they learn to make our beautiful fabric inspired jewelry, accessories and sewn goods, these artisans can begin earning a fair market wage producing goods that are sold in markets. We are also expanding their skill sets by partnering with other artisans, organizations and companies that want to have our artisans to make their goods.

The RAI program enables artisans to become more self-reliant, builds valuable job skills, develops social connectivity and empowers these women to make meaningful contributions to the financial well-being of their families. <https://refugeesarts.org/>

### About the roles:

We are seeking to recruit a number of board members, and expect that different candidates will bring a range of skills and experience to RAI, from the attributes listed.

#### General

- Commitment to the objectives of Refugee Artisan Initiative
- Willingness to act as an ambassador for the Refugee Artisan Initiative programs
- Willingness to fulfill the duties and standards of conduct required of a board member of the organization
- Understanding of equalities and diversity issues

#### Experience

- Experience of charity finance and fund accounting
- Fundraising (e.g. from individuals, partnerships with business and/or civil society organizations)
- Media and communications or PR, including social media.
- Developing business models in organizations comparable to the RAI.
- Nonprofit experience

## How to apply

Please submit a resume and a cover letter, stating why you wish to be considered for the role to [RefugeesArts@gmail.com](mailto:RefugeesArts@gmail.com)