The Northland Craft Trust is the governing body of the Quarry Arts Centre and its operations.

**About the Quarry Arts Centre**

The Quarry Arts Centre is a community facility dedicated to the pursuit, development and display of creative practice, particularly related to ceramics. The Centre runs workshops and courses, provides on-site studios to a number of artists, operates the Yvonne Rust Gallery, and holds events. The Quarry site includes a ceramics shop, a small café, workshop space, electric and wood-fired kilns, and is home to a number of like-minded groups. Three full-time staff work at the Quarry, and there are a number of volunteers and part-time workers.

**The Trust**

The Trust’s role is to provide governance and direction for the Art Centre, focusing on five fundamental areas of development: people, site, community, operations and financial security. Its mission is to nurture the creative spirit of Northland/Whakatupua Te Puna Waihanga O Te Tai Tokerau.

**Trustees**

Trustees (or board members) are volunteers who provide guidance and support to staff and make informed decisions about the operations and direction of the Quarry Art Centre. The Board is also responsible for monitoring the financial situation of the Trust.

The Northland Craft Trust Board comprises 5 - 8 members and must include one member nominated by the Whangarei District Council. One Trustee represents the resident artists at the Quarry. The Board may appoint up to 3 further members. Board membership is valid for a period of 3 years, which can be extended. Trustees are required to attend monthly meetings, be present at the AGM and periodically attend Quarry Arts Centre events. All trustees must be registered with the New Zealand Charities Commission.

**Nominations to the Trust**

Trustees should have skills, experience and knowledge in one or more of the following areas: governance, financial management, strategic planning, general management. They should also have a strong interest in the work of the Quarry.

People meeting the above criteria and who wish to be considered for the Trust should contact either the Board chair or the Quarry Manager to register their interest. If there is a vacancy and the applicant is suitable, then a formal application will be made to the Board, including a CV and statement of interest. Suitable potential candidates will be invited to a board meeting to discuss their application.