

Call for New Trustees: Fundraising Strategy and Income Generation

Wirksworth Heritage Centre has operated successfully for 30 years and we hold Accredited Museum status. We have big plans for a new heritage centre and need new Trustees to help bring those plans to fruition.

The Trustee Board

We are a friendly board in a friendly town; the work we do is part of the life of the town and the development of the new centre is the start of a process that will ensure the heritage and history of the town is kept alive and built upon for current and future residents and visitors.

The Trustees work flexibly to fulfil their roles which include the preparation and attendance at monthly Board Meetings and at any sub-groups relevant to their role or interest. In addition, Trustees will work from home or on site to support the Board or the Trust's employees or agents, it is not expected that this is one whole day at once, but please note; we are not seeking meeting-attenders to help us make up the numbers!!

Fundraising and Income Generation

We are seeking an experienced and confident Trustee to develop and lead a fundraising strategy and identify new opportunities to develop the Charity through other grant funded projects. We are in an exciting phase of the redevelopment of the Heritage Centre and are looking for a Trustee who can work closely with the Chair, Finance Director and Project Delivery Team to ensure successful delivery, cash flow and business development plans. We have secured significant investment from the Heritage Lottery Fund of £1.3 Million towards this work but require a trustee capable of ensuring continued income generation as part of the overall income of the Centre. This is an excellent opportunity for someone with the right skills or could be an opportunity for an experienced professional to use their skills for the local community.

The Trustee Role will include:

- Develop and lead a short and medium term Fundraising Strategy
- Identify suitable funding opportunities to support existing and new projects and work with the Trustees and their agents to secure funding.

- Work closely with the Finance Director to understand and monitor the financial health of the organisation.
- Work closely and provide guidance and advice to the relevant trustees in seeking funding for specific projects.
- Liaise with relevant staff, committee members and/or volunteers to ensure the financial viability of the organisation through various forms of income generation.
- Evaluate and report on the progress of fundraising strategies to the Board and make recommendations for remedial action where necessary
- Support the Board to start commercial operations in the new Heritage Centre
- Advise the trustees (and the management) on the financial implications of the organisation's strategic plans and key assumptions included in management's operational plan and annual budget.
- With the Secretary and Finance Director - ensuring compliance with Charities Commission and Companies House financial requirements and any De Minimus requirements.

Interested? Is this you? If you want to be involved

Please contact Sally Barkley-Smith, Chair of the Trustees in the first instance.

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