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An invitation to become a trustee of Birmingham's award-winning architectural preservation trust

Are you passionate about Birmingham's heritage? Would you like to help lead one of the UK's foremost architectural preservation trusts?

You could be just the person we need. We are looking for four new trustees to join our board and lead the trust into the next 3-6 years of its strategic programme.

For nearly 40 years, Birmingham Conservation Trust has been a major force in preserving Birmingham's architectural heritage. Past projects include rescuing the city's last court of Back-to-Back housing (now a very successful attraction run by the National Trust), and our most recent major project is the multi-award winning 'Newman Brothers Coffin Works' in the Jewellery Quarter, where we are running our own heritage attraction, a new departure for the trust.



The trust is centrally involved in a range of initiatives involving some of Birmingham's most important historic buildings and landscapes:

- Coordinating a successful Heritage Lottery Fund bid for the restoration of the Jewellery Quarter cemeteries, Key Hill and Warstone Lane, on behalf of the City Council;
- Supporting a new independent trust to restore and manage the Highbury Estate, Joseph Chamberlain's house and gardens;
- Working with partners to rescue the extraordinary 'Barn' at Manor Farm Park, built by George and Elizabeth Cadbury;
- Playing a key role in the Moseley Road Baths Action Group, which is exploring options for the future of these magnificent but threatened Edwardian baths, one of only two sites in Britain on the World Monuments Fund watch list;
- Seeking to find ways to save the 16 listed post-war prefabs on the Wake Green Road.





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In parallel with initiatives such as these, the trust has been undergoing a transition from being under the aegis of the City Council to becoming fully independent, building up its volunteer and supporters' base, and developing new strategic and business plans.

These are exciting and challenging times for the trust, and we need energetic and imaginative trustees to fill the places left vacant by outgoing trustees who are coming to the end of their term, and to work with existing trustees and a new chair to take the trust forward in new directions. In particular we are looking for a **treasurer**, somebody to **chair** our new **Coffin Works Management Committee**, and trustees with **fundraising experience**.



Want to know more?

More details on the role and how to apply are available in a briefing pack. Please email our Director, Simon Buteux: simon@birminghamconservationtrust.org. Simon can also be contacted for an informal chat on 0121 233 4785 or 07973 498013. An **open evening** is being held at the Coffin Works for potential candidates at 6.30 on **Thursday 7th July**.

Further information about BCT is available on our websites, www.birminghamconservationtrust.org and www.coffinworks.org, and our lively Facebook pages and Twitter feeds (@BirminghamCT @coffinworks).

Applications for the role of trustee are invited by **Friday 15th July 2016**.

(Note: charity trustee is a non-salaried role.)

