



THE BIRMINGHAM CIVIC SOCIETY

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Birmingham Civic Society Trustee – Citizenship

What is The Birmingham Civic Society?

Birmingham Civic Society is a charitable, member-led organisation that has been working to make Birmingham a better place for everyone since 1918. Post-WWI regeneration was the initial focus and we secured land to create the city's open green spaces and improved existing parks. Over the years we have campaigned to save some of the city's best-loved assets including The Rep Theatre and Burne-Jones stained glass windows. In the 1950s we erected our first blue plaque and since the early 2000s have promoted public art and active citizenship. We also consult on plans for new development in the city and support communities who are concerned about proposals. In 2018, we proudly celebrated our centenary year.

Today, our work now cuts across four areas – planning, heritage, citizenship, and public art - drawing on our legacy and contemporary expertise. As a membership organisation, citizens of Birmingham (and beyond!) who choose to become members and join our committees as volunteers enable us to do what we do – and play a key role in setting our agenda.

We have had great support from the Birmingham community in volunteering their time to be part of the Society's board of Trustees. With a number of current incumbents stepping down due to their tenure finishing we are recruiting for a variety of roles including this vacancy, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Secretary, and Membership, Communications and Events Trustee.

We are looking for new Trustees who can support the charity in its aims:

- to promote high standards of planning and architecture
- to educate the public in the geography, history, natural history, culture and architecture of the city
- to secure the preservation, protection, development and improvement of public amenities and features or areas of historic or public interest in the city
- to promote the concept of active citizenship among the people of the city

Brief Synopsis of the Role

- Chairing the Citizenship committee
- Leading the Next Generation Awards programme
- Supporting our Next Generation Awards Project Manager who is engaged by the Society on a self-employed basis
- Supporting the charity in developing the offering of the Citizenship committee
- To proactively broaden awareness of the charity's values and priorities; and increase its visibility across a wider audience

Time Commitment

- About one to two hours per week on routine matters
- Chairing and attending bi-monthly Citizenship committee meetings to take place as decided by the committee
- Attending six Trustee meetings per year – meetings take place from 12.30-2.30 at a city centre location

If you're interested in this opportunity, please get in touch with Amelia Ladbrook on info@birminghamcivicsociety.org.uk.