

## Trust.....People

The Hastings Trust's people are what make things happen. Alongside our staff team we have a board of voluntary trustees who oversee the direction of the Trust, ensure we meet our charitable objectives, and are accountable for all that we do.

**Alan Privett**—Chair

**Maureen Nelson**—Vice Chair

**Alex Frances**—Treasurer

**John Hodges**—Trustee

**Esther Brown**—Trustee

**Dean Morrison**—Trustee

**Susan Heath**—Trustee

**Richard Beeching**—Trustee

**Joanne Oliver**— Co-opted Trustee

**Naomi Ridley**—Co-opted Trustee

**Julie Eason**—Prospective Trustee

Trustees can be contacted at the Trust's HQ , 35 Robertson St.

As well as volunteer Trustees, many of the people on the 'front line' at the Trust and involved in projects give their time voluntarily. Volunteers are therefore a big part of the Trust and we provide support, training, out of pocket expenses and other opportunities so that they get as much out of their experience as we do.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer please contact:

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Training and Development Coordinator

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or pop into the Resource Centre and leave your details and Heather will get back to you.

Our **vision** is for a place of connected, creative and sustainable communities that people are proud to be a part of.

Our **mission** is to identify and create opportunities for people to work together, improving the quality of local lives now and for the future.

We are the Hastings Trust

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## Trust.....Projects

Current projects at the Trust are:

**Community Enablers**—funded by the Big Lottery Reaching Communities fund to support community activity and develop employability by providing supported volunteering and work placements to community groups and small businesses.

**Neighbourhood Enablers**—funded by the Social Action Fund to increase volunteering across Hastings, Bexhill, Rye and rural Rother, providing funds and support for street level volunteering activities which provide a real community benefit.

**Trust Loans**—our affordable loans scheme for those who are excluded from mainstream banking, helping local residents to better manage their finances.

**EcoFab and Pathway to Construction**—projects both relating to careers in the Built Environment, EcoFab offers a cross channel

knowledge exchange programme funded through Interreg Channel. Pathway to Construction is a contractor led initiative raising awareness of careers in the Built Environment working with schools culminating in an annual showcase event in Alexandra Park.

**L-earn** is an 'earn while you learn' initiative funded by ESCC providing pre-apprenticeships for young people aged 16-18 in the third and social enterprise sector.

For contact details for all of our initiatives please contact our Resource Centre on 01424 446373.

Where possible we deliver in partnership. Current active partners include: Hastings Furniture Service, Rother Voluntary Action, Pathway to Construction, The Rye Partnership, Lets Do Business Group, Finding Futures, Eco-Fab Partners, University of Brighton, Horizons Community Learning CIC

## Trust.....Properties

Community asset ownership is a great way of enabling third sector, social enterprises and ethical enterprises to access affordable office and workshop space to enable them to deliver their services and products.

The Hastings Trust owns and manages office, workshop and other commercial premises across Hastings and St Leonards at an affordable rent of £7.50 per square foot (negotiable) and can offer 'easy in, easy out' licence terms.

Third sector organisations, social enterprises and ethical enterprises can also make use of our 'virtual office' facility where for a small fee of £20 per month we provide a postal address, mail collection service, and access to our conference room free of charge (by arrangement) for meetings with clients and other stakeholders. Our meeting room is also available for hire at affordable rates.

At our Braybrooke Terrace premises we have a fully accessible and fully equipped IT training facility available for private hire at competitive rates.

In addition to commercial property, The Hastings Trust also manages a small portfolio of residential accommodation. These apartments were refurbished as eco-flats as part of our Skills to Build project making best use of energy efficiency features to reduce heating and lighting costs and demonstrating that such technologies can even be applied to Victorian terraced properties.

For enquiries as to any of our properties please contact  
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## Trust.....Futures

The Hastings Trust is proud of its ability to respond to community need and deliver projects focused on achieving the greatest impact for the communities we serve.

As part of our 21st Birthday celebrations during 2012 we have undertaken a major review of our operations and future strategy and we are developing the concept of a Hub facility which will provide even more opportunities to bring people together, creating an environment of creativity, connectivity and innovation.

We believe that the creation of this platform for social innovation will enable real growth—as Mary Portas says in her Review of the British High Street:

'once we invest in and create social capital in the heart of our communities, the economic capital will grow'

To help to shape the future of The Hastings Trust we need your involvement.

Membership is open to anyone over the age of 18 living in, working in, studying in, or otherwise having an interest in the fortunes of Hastings and St Leonards. Membership gives you the right to vote at our AGM, stand as a Trustee and to receive our newsletter, annual review and other publications.

As part of our 21st birthday celebrations we are offering one years free membership to anyone presenting this flyer at the Hastings Trust Resource Centre before our AGM in November 2012.

For membership enquiries, please ask for  
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