

LONDON HISTORIC BUILDINGS TRUST – TRUSTEE VACANCIES X2 SPECIALISING IN BUILDING CONSERVATION

London Historic Buildings Trust has volunteer role opportunities for individuals who wish to make a Board level contribution, helping to shape our development at an important time for our organisation. We are seeking two experienced conservation architects to serve as Trustees on the main Board and Projects Committee. They will be passionate and knowledgeable about conserving London's historic environment and in finding practical and deliverable solutions for some of London's most problematic and diverse heritage, often in disadvantaged communities.

We are looking for individuals who are committed to heritage regeneration and can bring diverse perspectives to our board.

Vacancy:	Trustee x2
Duration:	1 term to 3 terms (3 to 9 years)
Salary:	Voluntary and unremunerated (reasonable expenses are reimbursed)
Application:	Please submit a CV (or overview of relevant experience) and covering letter explaining your interest in the role and the skills and experience that you could bring to our Chair Georgina Nayler (email address below).
Deadline:	Friday 1 st May 2026 5pm
Interviews:	Weeks commencing 11 th and 18 th May, in person at a central London location (tbc)

About us

London Historic Buildings Trust is the only London-wide building preservation trust with a 30-year track record of delivering projects to save some of the city's most complex heritage sites. The trust was set up in 1992 as the Heritage of London Trust Operations Ltd (HOLTOP) and was rebranded in 2019 following a Resilient Heritage Project, which also saw the launch of our new mission, vision and aims;

Our vision is to deliver high quality, sustainable heritage-led projects using historic buildings throughout Greater London to create innovative social solutions and cultural benefits.

Our Mission - We will ensure that our projects are informed, wherever possible, by the needs of a local community, and result in positive social change, sensitive regeneration, and training, learning and volunteering, and employment opportunities. We will also support local communities in their aspirations to safeguard local buildings, offering professional guidance through training and consultancy services.

Our Aims - Sensitively repair and convert neglected historic buildings- those included on Historic England's Heritage at Risk register, and those that are not.

- Develop heritage led re-use schemes informed by the needs and aspirations of a local community.
- Act as a development partner for owners of heritage assets seeking a scheme that places the historic building, its local environment, and the needs of the local community at the forefront.
- Support, inform/educate and facilitate at a local level, working with local community groups and fledgling trusts.
- Act as a catalyst for sensitive regeneration in the most deprived areas of London.

For 30 years, LHBT has been successfully delivering its primary objective to 'preserve, on behalf of the people of Greater London, and of the nation at large, buildings of particular beauty or historical, architectural, or constructional interest in or around Greater London'. LHBT organises and oversees the development of sympathetic re-use schemes; bringing together the partners and funding needed to enable the delivery of projects needed to ensure heritage is saved for the future, but most importantly, embedded within use by the local community.

LHBT's staff are experienced in working in the heritage sector and bring a commitment to working with and involving local communities with heritage whilst aspiring to best-practice standards for conservation, recording, documentation and interpretation. LHBT has the expertise and capacity to support a project and community from concept to completion of capital works and beyond, taking on ownership if necessary.

Communities are at the heart of LHBT's work with heritage, and often in deprived communities. All projects are collaborative with grassroots organisations and often focus on empowering them, building knowledge and capacity for them to act rather than leading them, whilst understanding the context and history of the buildings. The final use for all projects LHBT works on will serve the community around it. Their endorsement and support are key to success. The Trust's collaborative approach in working closely with a local community, is essential to the future viability of the building and project. The unity inspired by positive heritage saving projects builds social cohesion.

LHBT is currently involved in fifteen projects across Greater London, with some more outside, and its ongoing work has a direct impact on the communities whilst the projects develop. The result being regeneration of a building or site to act as a catalyst for regeneration for an area, making it more prosperous. LHBT's projects inspire local pride in their heritage, demonstrating how it can be transformed and, through this, influence the perception of a place and a community.

To find out more about the trust and our activities, please visit our website;
<https://londonhistoricbuildings.org.uk/>

Role Description and Responsibilities

The trustee role requires a commitment to attend quarterly board meetings, which take place at a central London location. Online attendance can be facilitated although attendance in person is preferred. The two new Trustees will also be members of Projects Committee, which also meets four times a year (hybrid meetings).

Main Responsibilities:

- Provide strategic guidance and oversight to LHBT's activities
- Ensure the financial health and sustainability of the trust
- Maintain an oversight of the work of the trust sub-committees
- Ensure that the charity complies with its governing document and all relevant charity and company legislation
- Scrutinise Board papers, engage in discussions and provide advice and guidance
- Advocate for and represent LHBT in the community and beyond
- Collaborate with fellow trustees and the staff team to fulfil our vision and mission

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Key Skills

- Act with integrity and honesty in line with charity values
- The ability to work collaboratively with trustees and staff
- Communicate and engage actively in discussions
- Ability to advocate for the trust and build partnerships and networks to support our mission
- Willingness to undertake training and development to support the role
- Bring unique perspectives or experiences that align with our mission

Eligibility

Candidates must not be disqualified from acting as Trustees as described in sections 178 to 180 of the Charities Act 2011.

For more information about the role of trustees please see the Charity Commission Guidance; [The essential trustee: what you need to know, what you need to do.](#)

If you are interested this role please submit a CV (or overview of relevant experience) and covering letter to Georgina Nayler, Chair of the London Historic Buildings Trust at georgina.nayler@londonhistoricbuildings.org.uk

Please also contact Georgina if you would like to arrange an informal discussion about the role.

Closing date for applications is 5pm on Friday 1st May 2026