

BRICK roadshow comes to Nottingham to help community groups save local heritage

The Prince's Regeneration Trust is bringing its regeneration roadshow to Nottingham to help local community groups save the buildings they love.

The workshop will be held on **Wednesday 3 February** in the Galleries of Justice Museum in the Lace Market. The workshop will equip community groups by offering training in areas such as fundraising, partnerships and creative visioning.

The Galleries of Justice Museum itself is a successful regeneration project. Based in what was once a Victorian courthouse and jail, it was saved by the Museum of Law Trust, which formed in 1993 specifically to work on rescuing the building. It is now a successful visitor attraction and event space.

Experts from The Prince's Regeneration Trust and other leading organisations will be speaking on the day on a range of topics. There will also be a question and answer session (where attendees can ask the experts about their own projects) and a creative exercise to help them consider various options for the reuse of historic buildings.

Speakers include:

- Nigel Turpin, Heritage and Urban Design Manager at Nottingham City Council, who will speak on how councils can support heritage regeneration projects
- Gavin Richards, Operations Manager at the Architectural Heritage Fund, who will speak on the financial and technical support available for community groups
- Thomas Newman, Head of Operations in Business Connectors at Business in the Community, who will speak on working with the private sector to make viable projects.

The workshop will include a tour of the Lace Market. The market is one of the oldest parts of the city of Nottingham, with winding narrow streets and Victorian buildings, several of which were designed by the architect Watson Fothergill. The area has been preserved and is now thriving as a creative, bustling hub with apartments, bars, restaurants and shops.

Chief Executive of The Prince's Regeneration Trust, Ros Kerslake OBE, said: 'The aim of the workshop is to help community groups turn their passion for local heritage into viable, robust projects. There are so many wonderful examples in Nottingham of where

heritage-led regeneration has really worked. I think it will be a really inspiring location. The city still has 17 listed sites identified as 'at risk' by English Heritage¹, and there are a further 213 across Nottinghamshire². We want to give community groups the information and support they need to deliver their own successful projects and save more of the UK's important heritage.'

Nigel Turpin, Heritage and Urban Design Manager at Nottingham City Council, said: 'Nottingham City Council is dedicated to championing heritage in the city, and The Prince's Regeneration Trust workshop will be a great opportunity to hear from heritage experts on the nitty-gritty of running a heritage project. We have so many important buildings here in Nottingham and such a tremendous responsibility to ensure they are not lost but are conserved and passed on. The role of the local community in this process cannot be underestimated. I would encourage anyone involved in or interested in preserving the city's heritage not to miss this event.'

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About The Prince's Regeneration Trust

The Prince's Regeneration Trust (PRT) is a world-leading regeneration charity working in hard-hit areas of the UK to rescue and re-use local buildings in order to transform lives.

PRT is a separate charity from The Prince's Trust.

Over the past 19 years we've worked on projects saving about 1.4 million square feet of buildings - enough to fill almost 32 football pitches - and have created about 1,800 jobs. PRT is committed to:

- focusing on the most deprived communities in the UK, on buildings where other efforts have failed and on projects that are far too complex for communities to undertake themselves
- calling on communities to apply to us for expertise to get regeneration underway
- running a national roadshow touring 36 locations over 3 years that will give world-class advice and practical guidance for communities who want to rescue buildings themselves

¹ <http://www.historicengland.org.uk/advice/heritage-at-risk/search-register/results?q=Nottingham>

² <http://site.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/learning/history/historicbuildings/buildingsatrisk/barregister/>

PRT is leading on the development of social investment in regeneration and we'll provide hard evidence of the effect of our work in areas like training for young people, welfare of elderly people and new business start-ups.

All of the charity's work draws upon PRT's unique 'knowledge bank' made up of our own team of experts working in partnership with other leading specialists. Find out more about PRT today by going to www.princes-regeneration.org; www.facebook.com/princesregeneration; or follow @PrincesRegen on Twitter.

About the BRICK programme

The BRICK education programme is empowering community groups to find the investment and support necessary to save their local heritage and build a better future for their local area. It has been funded by a major grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund and contributions from British Land, the Alan Baxter Foundation and Purcell. The three-year programme of regional training workshops began in May 2014 and is visiting locations across the UK up to March 2017.

In addition to workshops, a major BRICK conference is held once a year, bringing together people from the public, private and voluntary sectors. A BRICK mentoring programme also offers bespoke support for at least 40 community groups working on heritage regeneration projects. An online networking site, www.BRICK-work.org, provides free resources and enables community groups to connect with each other and share contacts and ideas.

In its first 18 months, the BRICK programme has travelled to 14 destinations across the UK, attracting over 680 attendees, representing more than 430 local government, heritage and regeneration organisations. 38.6% per cent of the participants are involved in projects in the 25% most 5 deprived areas of the UK³. A survey of participants in the first 14 BRICK workshops indicated an increase of 30.9% in confidence levels when dealing with the issues covered in the training sessions.

In 2014-15, BRICK provided mentoring support to 25 groups looking to regenerate locally-important buildings. These include:

- Stanley Halls - An Edwardian Grade II listed public halls in South Norwood, London, that community group the Stanley People's Initiative wants to bring back to life
- Brymbo Iron and Steel Works – Brymbo Heritage Group wants to transform the former iron and steel works in Wrexham, north Wales, into a visitor attraction, learning and commercial hub

BRICK aims to provide mentoring support to a further 15 groups by March 2017.

The BRICKwork social networking website has had over 58,000 page views since its launch in September 2014, while some 770 members have signed up to the website to share advice and best practice.

About the Galleries of Justice Museum

The Galleries of Justice Museum, formerly known as the Shire Hall, is based within the Lace Market, Nottingham. The museum was recently voted England's Best Small Visitor Attraction of the Year 2014. The Museum is based at what was once a Victorian courthouse and jail, with the courtrooms dating back to the 14th century.

³ People living in one of 144 local authorities identified as the 25% most deprived in the UK by the index of multiple deprivation in the 2011 census

In 1993 The Museum of Law Trust was established to save the Shire Hall from dereliction and turn it into a museum of national significance. In 1995 the Trustees raised millions of pounds to restore the buildings and open them as a museum.

More recently The Galleries of Justice Museum has been awarded a grant of £1 million by the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) for a significant new redevelopment project.

The grant will help unlock the museum's plans to tell the story of justice in the past, present and future in new, innovative ways and greatly increase visitor enjoyment of the unique buildings, collections and stories. The museum was awarded the HLF grant in 2015 and will be re-launching the redeveloped museum in February 2017.

Visit <http://www.galleriesofjustice.org.uk/> for more information on the museum.