



Open Call: New Board Trustees for Station Hall Herne Hill

Station Hall Herne Hill is looking to expand its board by appointing new trustees to support the governance and strategic direction of this unique community hub.

This is an exciting time for Station Hall Herne Hill as we continue to grow as a space that nurtures creativity, fosters connections, and provides vital services for our community. We are focused on building sustainability, improving accessibility, and ensuring our activities reflect the needs of Herne Hill and its surrounding neighbourhoods.

New trustees will play a pivotal role in shaping the future of Station Hall Herne Hill, supporting its mission to provide an inclusive and welcoming space for everyone.

We are particularly interested in expressions of interest from:

- Local residents or workers in Herne Hill and the wider Lambeth area.
- Individuals familiar with the activities and ethos of Station Hall Herne Hill.
- Artists, community organisers, and activists with experience in cultural spaces or grassroots initiatives.
- Professionals with expertise in law, fundraising, community engagement, marketing, finance, or building development.

About Station Hall Herne Hill

The journey of Station Hall began when the Herne Hill Forum identified a semi-derelict, under-used building right in the centre of Herne Hill. They envisioned bringing it back to life as the centrepiece of the community. In 2018, the Forum was awarded a £55,000 Phase 1 Grant from the Mayor of London's Good Growth Fund to explore the viability of transforming the disused waiting room at Herne Hill Station into a community resource.

In January 2019, with the support of Southeastern and National Rail, the 'lost waiting room' opened its doors to the public for the first time in over ninety years. By 2020, Station Hall had become a registered charity, cementing its role as a vital hub in Herne Hill.

Station Hall now hosts approximately 40 events per month, welcoming 1,500 users monthly—an impressive 18,000 visitors per year. Of this activity, 60% is dedicated to charities, community groups, non-profits, social enterprises, and free-for-good use, providing meaningful social benefits to the local community. Additionally, 40% of

bookings serve commercial purposes, including celebrations, business meetings, classes, and workshops, supporting the local economy and small businesses. Station Hall also hosts a wide range of events, workshops, and services, from arts and cultural programs to community meetings and local markets.

We are dedicated to providing an affordable, accessible venue that strengthens the fabric of our local community and enhances civic participation. With your help, we aim to continue empowering individuals and groups to collaborate, create, and thrive in this unique environment.

You can learn about Station Hall online at: www.stationhallhernehill.org

Responsibilities of a Trustee

Trustees contribute actively to the strategic direction of the organisation, ensuring that Station Hall Herne Hill:

- Operates in line with its mission and governing documents.
- Applies its resources effectively to fulfil its objectives.
- Complies with charity and company law and relevant regulations.
- Maintains financial stability.

Trustees bring their unique skills and perspectives to support sound decision-making and provide guidance on key issues. This may include participating in discussions, helping set policy, and evaluating our performance as an organisation.

Commitment

Board meetings are held monthly, and trustees are expected to attend regularly. Additional involvement may include attending occasional strategic planning sessions or working groups. This is a voluntary role, and trustees receive no remuneration, although reasonable expenses may be reimbursed.

How to Apply

If you are interested in becoming a trustee or would like to learn more, please email stationhallhernehill@gmail.com. Introduce yourself briefly and explain your interest in the role in no more than a few sentences.

We will follow up with further information and may ask for a short application. The deadline for expressions of interest is 28th February 2025

Help us shape the future of Station Hall Herne Hill and ensure it continues to thrive as a vital community resource.

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