



## Heritage Building Network – Celebrating and Continuing

From October 2015 until June 2017, Macc has worked closely in partnership with Manchester City Council (MCC), Heritage Lottery Fund North West (HLF), English Heritage (EH) and Architectural Heritage Fund (AHF) to create and deliver the Heritage Building Network programme (HBN).

This has been a year-long programme of activities for Greater Manchester not-for-profit community based groups responsible for, or working closely with, a heritage building or with aspirations to manage a heritage building.

It was recognised that the passion and energy of such groups needed to be matched with knowledge and skills groups require and, in response, the partnership offered a 12 month series of workshops which helped to tackle these gaps. The Heritage Building Network has been a valuable source of support and training for groups with heritage buildings and the networking element has been crucial. From March 2017 the partners have also worked closely with Heritage Trust Network. You can read more in the HBN Evaluation here:

<http://bit.ly/2tC0H5x>

Groups who attended most or all of the HBN sessions provided their view of the project as an evaluation film in response to the question ***‘What difference has being part of the Network made to you?’*** and the film can be viewed here:

<https://youtu.be/wytBSIYwEoU>

***‘Great benefit identified in sharing information, sharing skills, supporting other projects where possible and receiving support’***



***Ever read a review of a fantastic programme of events and been frustrated that it’s ended and you missed the opportunity to get involved? Is this one of those articles? Absolutely not!***

A key success of HBN has been the networking of groups across Greater Manchester. Groups have valued this enormously and plan to continue and grow their networking, sharing contacts, skills, knowledge and resources through



membership of the Heritage Trust Network (HTN), and you can be a part of this if you are managing or own a heritage building.

***How does this help you if you are linked to a heritage building but haven't attended any of the HBN programme?***

Become a member of Heritage Trust Network!

HTN membership gives you access to the full HTN toolkit and all of their resources as well as valuable peer support, conferences, etc. HTN can support and connect you to three groups UK-wide who have similar buildings and journeys to yours and who can help you with their experience. HTN are planning a North West, Manchester-based conference for autumn this year for its members so sign-up to membership receive information, help and resources.

Please visit HTN's website for more information: <http://bit.ly/2diCBZK>. The Heritage Trust Network membership application form can be found here: <http://bit.ly/2tbMUDd> and should be returned to Vikki Cox at HTN as soon as possible: [vicki.cox@heritagetrustnetwork.org.uk](mailto:vicki.cox@heritagetrustnetwork.org.uk).

Don't forget, anyone can access the HBN project resources on Macc's Manchester Community Central website: <http://bit.ly/2oq1dl8>

