

Chair of the Board of Middleton Hall Trust

Do you have what it takes?

Middleton Hall Trust is looking for its next Chair for our Board of Trustees, to supply clear strategic drive in the next step of our Master Plan.

Middleton Hall (and Gardens) is a Grade II* listed building with SSSI grounds. It dates back to the 13th century and was occupied until 1966. The Hall was rebuilt from a ruin 40 years ago by volunteers. The buildings and grounds are now a popular and successful heritage visitor site, and the Trust is still operating effectively despite last year's difficulties.

Middleton Hall Trust has been the recipient of grants from significant heritage funders and we have a cohesive and effective Board and staff group. We welcome applicants with the motivation, experience and attributes to take the Trust forward to deliver our mission to restore and maintain Middleton Hall and its grounds for the enjoyment of the public. This includes a major restoration project: the Tudor Barn; protection and development of the Georgian garden and SSSI lake and grounds; and widening and strengthening links with diverse local communities. The Trust is also looking to develop commercial activities to increase income.

As Chair you will lead the governance of the Trust constructively and cohesively, and negotiate the boundaries between competing demands and perspectives. Under your leadership Middleton Hall Trust will take the next step to becoming financially and organisationally stable and deliver its mission to serve the community as a place of creativity and discovery.

We looking for:

- Clarity of purpose - vision and focus to identify priorities for action
- Willing and able to lead the organisation in partnership with the Chief Officer
- Excellent interpersonal, influencing and communication skills and able to develop good relationships with all stakeholders
- Demonstrable commitment to promoting equality, diversity and inclusion at all levels
- Some knowledge and enthusiasm of the heritage sector, the voluntary sector and community
- Experience and knowledge of best practice in corporate governance and finance
- Ability to recognise and celebrate success

This is a Trust with great potential and increasing credibility as an organisation, having secured substantial grant funding from the NHLF, Architecture Heritage Fund, Historic England and the local Borough and County Councils over the past three years. The challenge and achievement of the position will be to pursue the organisation's development and to secure a future for a wonderful community asset. There is a supportive culture amongst the Board, staff and a group of critical friends and professionals in the Heritage industry, which will provide support and encouragement to the critical but rewarding position of Chair. We welcome applications from all backgrounds, race, faith, disability, age, gender, sexuality and class.

Closing Date
June 14th 2021

If you are interested, please contact Deb.Laycock@middleton-hall.co.uk