



# Heritage Toolbox



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The membership organisation  
for Charities  
Community Organisations  
Social Enterprises...  
rescuing, restoring, reusing,  
managing historic buildings  
and spaces

*formerly known as  
Heritage Trust Network*



The national membership network supporting local community organisations to be strong and successful. Our members create the services their communities need most in spaces where everyone belongs





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a programme of skills and support sessions tailored to heritage groups and organisations, to increase the resilience, engagement, sustainability and diversity of the sector.



A photograph of Bradford City Hall, a large, ornate Gothic Revival building with a prominent clock tower. The building is made of light-colored stone and features many arched windows. A Union Jack flag flies from the top of the clock tower. The sky is blue with some white clouds. In the foreground, there are street lamps and a pedestrian crossing. A red banner is visible on the left side of the image.

**Skills sessions – in person  
17<sup>th</sup> March – 20<sup>th</sup> June**

**Skills sessions – online  
23<sup>rd</sup> June – 26<sup>th</sup> September**

**Bid Writing/Fundraising – Support & Mentoring – 1-2-1  
April - October**

**Celebration Event at Heritage Network Conference  
30<sup>th</sup> September**

## Skills topics

Bid-writing/Fundraising

Governance

Volunteer development

Equity, diversity and inclusion

Sustainable practices/energy saving

Engaging the community/local partnerships

Marketing and communications

Revenue diversification

Audience diversification

Membership development & diversification



# Skills sessions

Bid-writing & Fundraising 1

Bid-writing & Fundraising 2

Governance/leadership

Engagement/partnership

Volunteer development

Equity, diversity, inclusion 1

Equity, diversity, inclusion 2

Sustainable practices and energy saving



# What next?

Complete the expression of interest form:

<https://www.tfaforms.com/5166148>



Spread the word

Book skills sessions:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/heritage-toolbox-3913893>



- What we've learned so far...
1. Always expect the unexpected
  2. Stay positive: work with what & who you've got
  3. Do your groundwork – plan, feasibility study, community consultation
  4. Keep an eye on what's happening in the outside world
  5. Have an 'emergent strategy' – have a plan, but be flexible
  6. Be brave and ready to take (calculated) risks
  7. Develop a high 'yes factor'! Yes, we can! Yes, we need help!
  8. Be prepared: it all takes longer & costs more than you think
  9. There is a lot of support out there – use it
  10. Don't give up!



**General info and updates:**

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