

Invitation to Broomfield House community capacity building Governance Workshop / Volunteering opportunity

The Council is working with Historic England and community partners, to explore commercially viable development options for the restoration of Broomfield House and Stable block.

Community partners have a vital role to play in steering the Broomfield House project. We will be holding a **community capacity building Governance Workshop in October 2016**. This workshop will be delivered by officers from Historic England, the Architectural Heritage Fund and Enfield Council.

It will focus on the Broomfield House project, but will be open to both our existing Broomfield House community partners and other interested volunteers who may be able to offer the Broomfield House project enthusiasm, energy and skills. Business / commercial skills, legal skills, project management and finance / fundraising skills would be particularly useful.

If you have an appreciation of the historic environment and relevant skills and are able to commit some time to this project over the next few years we would be very interested to hear from you. **Please e-mail us your contact details for more information about registering** for the Governance Workshop at Heritage@enfield.gov.uk and put 'Broomfield House volunteers' in the subject heading.

Broomfield House goes back to the 1560s. It was a mansion at the centre of a formal Baroque landscape, which is now a public park. It had a series of fires in 1980's and 90's and is now surrounded by scaffolding.

An Options Appraisal has been produced, following public consultation last year. This shows that restoring Broomfield House will cost approximately £5m, with the restoration of the Stable block buildings at approximately £2m. No decision has been reached on possible viable uses, but even with beneficial new uses, such as a café/restaurant in the House and offices, residential or arts studios in the Stables, a cross-subsidy, grant or other funding is needed.

Additional guidance and advice on grants is being provided by the Heritage Lottery Fund, including advice about their new Heritage Enterprise programme. A key aim of programme is the integration of commercial interests within heritage-led regeneration projects that benefit the local community.

Within the near future, the Council will be seeking to identify expressions of interest from any commercial partners who may be interested in the Broomfield House project.