

## Expressions of interest: Cathedral Projects Support Panel

The Association of English Cathedrals, the representative body for the 42 English Anglican cathedrals, would like to hear from those with an interest in cathedrals and the time and relevant specialist skills and experience to serve as volunteer expert members on the newly created Cathedral Projects Support Panel.

Cathedrals often respond to their growing popularity by taking on large development projects to provide additional facilities and improved visitor experiences. Some cathedrals struggle with the process of developing these major projects because of the extreme resource constraints under which they operate and because of the wide range of technical and management skills needed. Cathedrals also face numerous challenges in their day-to-day operations and with small projects, finding it difficult at access expert advice to help them identify how they can address the challenges.

In order to assist those cathedrals which request help, whether in devising realistic briefs to enable projects to proceed in a cost-effective and timely way, or in addressing particular issues outside the skill set of the cathedral team, some handholding and informal advice is needed. Panel members will help cathedrals to resolve their challenges: by assisting with scoping out projects and identifying project elements, pointing out potential problem areas and recommending how to overcome them, sharing wisdom, experience and contacts, giving advice and support to cathedral staff, and advising on the need for specialist advice and input when appropriate. The Panel will not meet as a body: members will work with cathedrals, either individually or in small teams.

Serving on the Support Panel will offer a unique opportunity to assist cathedrals, some of England's greatest buildings, and the people who operate them day to day. The role of a Panel member is voluntary but reasonable expenses will be paid.

Expressions of interest are invited from competent and experienced specialists in the following areas:

Accessibility in historic buildings	Interpretation
Archaeology	Landscaping
Architecture	Museums and collections management
Business and/ or financial planning and/ or appraisal	IT consultancy
Business start ups	Operation of retail, catering, events and other businesses
Community engagement	Project management and/ or development
Conservation – buildings and objects	Property strategy and management
Economic forecasting	Public realm
Engineering – structural, mechanical and electrical	Space planning
Environmental conservation and management	Town planning
Facilitation of away-days and meetings	Visitor and heritage management
Fundraising	Urban studies
Health and safety and regulatory compliance	Volunteer and staff management and training



Please note that this list is not exhaustive and if you have skills and experience that could assist cathedrals, we would like to hear from you.

We are particularly interested to hear from specialists with expertise in the following areas which are currently under represented on the Panel:

- marketing
- interpretation
- education and learning
- disability access
- volunteering
- retail
- commercial hire
- events

To express interest please send a CV and covering letter (no more than two sides of A4) indicating your relevant area of expertise and experience. All submissions should be emailed as PDF or Word documents to Dale Copley, the Panel Coordinator ([dale.copley@englishcathedrals.co.uk](mailto:dale.copley@englishcathedrals.co.uk)).

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