

Todmorden Learning Centre and Community Hub is pleased to announce and invite nominations for the election of two new members to join its Board of Trustees. It is very important that nominees and those making nominations for elected positions on the TLCCH Board have read the following information before submitting their nomination.

The TLCCH is a charitable community benefit society (BenCom). This means that whilst it is a membership organisation in which members can vote for up to three elected representatives to serve on the Board, the work of the organisation and its Trustee Board is for the benefit of the community at large, not for the benefit of its members. Of course, members are likely also to be members of the community at large but the benefits of the work of TLCCH must be available to all regardless of their status as members or otherwise.

Each nomination for an elected Board role must be made by a registered member of the organisation. The person being nominated must also be a member. Information about membership can be found [here](#). The 2019 AGM nomination forms (attached), including a short statement by the nominee in support of their nomination must be received by the Board secretary by 13<sup>th</sup> November 2019. The election will be taken at the AGM on the 18<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

Via the provisions of the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014, the Board of Trustees are answerable to the Financial Conduct Authority for the good governance of the organisation which must be in line with the provisions of the constitution, the legal governing document. They are also committed to the Trusted Charity standards for community organisations which you can read more about [here](#).

Based on the original vision of the founder members and refined during detailed dialogue with members and the wider community, TLCCH have formulated the following statements of vision and purpose to guide and ensure our work alongside the objects contained within the Constitution. Our Vision is of a knowledgeable, kind, co-operative and mutually supportive, engaged population harnessing change and contributing significantly to a peaceful, secure, and equitable world, living in harmony with nature and using technology responsibly.

Therefore, our purpose is to foster learning and development which supports a thriving and sustainable community in Todmorden and beyond.

To deliver our vision and purpose we need to ensure an effective Board. Particularly during our early development without paid staff, members of the Board need to have time, skills and energy to carry out a range of tasks and to collaborate effectively as part of a cohesive group. Nominees will need to be committed to delivering the vision of TLCCH and whilst having particular skills to offer, be available to carry out general and specific tasks as the need arises. Currently many of our Board members are putting in an average of ten hours per week. Nominees will need to demonstrate their understanding and commitment to delivery of the vision and objectives of the TLCCH and to provide specific detail of their interest in and skill to contribute to achieving them.

The existing TLCCH Board recognises and welcomes the opportunity to increase the capacity of the Board to shoulder the responsibilities and workload to deliver a sustainable

and 'learner owned' facility providing opportunities and resources which support learning and community development in Todmorden.

For an information discussion about the TLCCH, the AGM or any aspects of the work of the Board of Trustees, please contact [enquiries@tlchub.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@tlchub.org.uk).