



North of England Institute of Mining and Mechanical Engineers and the Common Room of the Great North.

The Common Room Youth Board

As part of the comprehensive redevelopment of the Mining Institute in Newcastle upon Tyne and the establishment of a new entity to manage the building and its programme, the Common Room of the Great North Limited is to establish a Youth Board and is now seeking to recruit individuals to join the Youth Board in the autumn of 2018.

The shadow board for under 25s is to influence the content and delivery of the Common Room programme. Engaging those young people who are inspired and influenced by their engagement through the education and apprentice programme, or who might attend affiliated activity in the Common Room.

Common Room Youth Board Member

We are seeking to appoint exceptional individuals who can advise and support the Common Room's core programme of activity in the role of Youth Board Member. This role will entail directly influencing the decisions that impact upon the overall aims of Common Room from when the building closes for refurbishment in September 2018, goes 'On The Road' into the region from 2018 – 2020 and back in house post summer 2020. Applicants for these voluntary roles (10-12) are required to demonstrate a commitment to becoming involved in leadership and policy making and will have already become involved in volunteer activities within their own communities, workplaces or educational environments.

There is potential to train one or two Youth Board members to become, in time, part of the main Common Room Governance processes.

1. Background

The Common Room will be a celebration of graft and glory.

Telling the stories of the North East that changed the world, then and now...

By revitalising our Grade 2* Listed building and making a step change in the access and interpretation of our internationally recognised archive of the Industrial Revolution we will provide the space, and inspiration, for new collaborations and innovations.

Instilling pride, ownership and understanding to support the North East economy...

Using our unique heritage to inspire the next generation of innovators and engineers...

Engaging with the business community, the Common Room programme will deliver this, providing education and enrichment for young people, promoting skills development for the region's workforce and engaging the public with the heritage.

2. The Role of Youth Board Members

- To actively support the Common Room's ethos and core values
- To bring expertise and experience from a number of fields to shape the content of the core programme of activity including education and apprentices, oral history, STEM engagement and heritage.
- To support the Common Room Board that is already established.
- To be enthused by being actively involved in the governance and development of the Common Room
- To act as an advocate of the Common Room of the Great North and its activities
- To attend 6 Youth Board meetings per annum between 2018 – 2022
- To attend selected meetings of the Common Room's Governance structures.
- To attend training sessions in corporate governance, financial and project management as arranged by the the Common Room
- There will be reimbursement of travel expenses but no fees will be paid for attending meetings of volunteer work done as a Youth Board member.

3. Appointment process

By quotation and submission which includes

- CV - profile
- Completed skills audit of what you can bring to the role
- The application process will also include an informal interview

Board members must be under 25 years of age at the time of making an application and will be expected to step aside on their 27th birthday to allow other young people to be appointed. There is no lower age limit for membership of the Youth Board however It is expected that applicants under the age of 16 years old will provide a note from a parent, guardian or care giver to conform and endorse the application.

4. Timetable

- Applications to become Youth Board Member to be submitted to melissa.forster@northeastcommonroom.org.uk by 12 noon on 19th September 2018
- Interviews week commencing 1st October 2018
- Invitation to join the first Youth Board meeting in October 2018 expected to be issued once Common Room receives its permission to start its development project which is expected in early October 2018.