



Queen Street Townscape Heritage Project Volunteer Newsletter

Queen Street Online

The Queen Street Project is going digital! We have very recently launched a Queen Street Facebook and Twitter page where we will be sharing some of the wonderful research produced by our volunteers. You can also expect to find project updates, announcements and information about Queen Street events. Feel free to follow or like our pages. We would also love it if you share them widely among your family and friends.

There is also a Queen Street blog in the works. We are still working on getting the site up and running but in the meantime, I am building an archive of material so that we have plenty to post when the site goes live. Please do get in touch with any content suggestions and if anybody is interested in producing some 'guest' posts for the site, that would be most welcome.



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Welcome...

Hello and welcome to the first Queen Street Volunteers monthly newsletter. This newsletter is an opportunity to keep us all connected and to communicate project updates.

As many of you are aware, I recently took over the position of Community Engagement Officer from my colleague Stuart. Under Stuart's leadership, the scheme has supported a number of popular events and training sessions. I hope you will all join me in thanking Stuart for his work on the Queen Street project.

Over the last month, I have had the opportunity to meet with many of you on a one-to-one basis. I have very much enjoyed meeting everyone and getting a glimpse of some of the things that you have all been working so hard on over the last year. I hope many of you share my enthusiasm as we enter a new and exciting phase of the project.

Key Dates and Upcoming Events

- **Volunteer Drop In**
Thursday 28th September 2017
- **Queen Street Volunteers Autumn Forum**
Tuesday 10th October 2017
- **Local History Fair**
Saturday 28th October 2017
- **Intro to Archives and Research Documents**
Date TBA
- **Heritage Photography**
Monday 22nd January 2018
- **Oral History Training**
Date TBA
- **Oral History in Practice**
Date TBA
- **Presenting Queen Street**
Date TBA
- **The Queen Street Exhibition**
Summer 2017

* This list is subject to change. I will keep you updated as dates are confirmed.

More information on these events to follow. Do let me know if you are provisionally interested in attending any of these events.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any suggestions for future training and events.

In this month’s newsletter, I talk a little bit about ‘priority’ properties and update you all on the progress of the app and our new social media pages. This issue will also include key dates of upcoming training and events.

In other news, we have our first group gathering, The Queen Street Volunteers Autumn Forum, on **Tuesday 10th October 2017**. This will be a fantastic opportunity to come together and share research. I look forward to seeing you all there!

I hope you enjoy this first newsletter. Please do contact me if you have any suggestions for the next issue.
All the best,

Ashleigh Hudson
Queen Street Community Engagement Officer



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‘Priority’ Properties and App Update

We have narrowed down a list of 20 ‘priority’ properties or points of information which will be the focus of the app. We hope to use this list to focus the research over the coming months. I have a good idea of what you are all working on individually and most of your chosen areas fit into this ‘priority’ list. There are still a few areas that are currently not being researched so if you are interested in

The Queen Street Exhibition

I've had a lot of questions about what will be included in the exhibit. At this stage, we are still exploring our options. We are very fortunate in that we have many documents, artefacts and pieces of art to choose from.

Please do feel free to share any ideas you might have and I will take those on board as we progress. I am confident that together we can produce an exhibition that we are all proud of.

The Queen Street Exhibition is expected to run throughout the Summer 2018 - date to-be-announced.

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tackling another research area, please do get in touch.

I've had a number of questions regarding the current stage of the app. We are currently conducting some market research which will hopefully inform the content and design of the app. We have put together a brief questionnaire which we are in the process of sending out.

If anybody is interested in taking part, I will be bringing some copies of the questionnaire to the Volunteers Autumn Forum. Alternatively, drop me an email and I will get one sent out to you.

Improving Communication

During our one-to-one meetings, many of you expressed an interest in attending regular meet ups. I am happy to arrange monthly meetings or alternatively, we can arrange an informal weekly drop-in session. Let me know your thoughts and if there is sufficient interest, I will schedule something in.

In terms of improving communication, I am hoping that these monthly newsletters will keep us all connected. Please do contact me if there are any updates or notable mentions that you would like me to include in next month's issue.

My office hours are typically Monday-Tuesday or Monday-Wednesday depending on the week. If you would like to arrange a meeting, drop me an email and I will try to get back to you as soon as possible.

