

**Unique national opportunity – Play your part in shaping the future of Newcastle’s parks
Dynamic Board of Trustees needed to lead and implement pathfinding Newcastle Parks Trust**

Newcastle upon Tyne City Council is creating a new independent charitable company (Newcastle Parks Trust), to look after the city’s parks and allotments. Nationally, the Newcastle Parks Trust will be the first of its kind and the Council is looking for exceptional individuals for the very first Board of Trustees (directors).

If you can help parks and green spaces reach their fullest potential by bringing fresh ideas, impetus and ambition to the table, we want to hear from you.

Newcastle’s parks and allotments are a crucial part of the city’s fabric. They are not only places where people can rest, relax and play; they are an essential component of the city’s green infrastructure and make the city a great place to live, work, and visit.

Budget cuts of over 90% led the City Council to work with partners, including the National Trust and the Heritage Lottery Fund, to identify alternative, sustainable options for managing and funding parks in the city.

The new Chair and Trustees will shape and steer the charity to ensure the parks and green spaces flourish, thereby securing the benefits parks provide to people, the environment, and wildlife.

Successful candidates will be from a range of backgrounds and have a diverse skillset. We would particularly welcome people with experience at board or senior level in the following areas: land and property management, finance, fundraising, commercial operations, legal and governance and HR. Those with experience of the charity, environment and heritage sectors would also be particularly welcomed.

Role profiles can be found by visiting [www.northeastjobs.org.uk/job/Chair and Board of Trustees Parks Trust/171074](http://www.northeastjobs.org.uk/job/Chair_and_Board_of_Trustees_Parks_Trust/171074). An information pack can be requested by emailing futureparks@nationaltrust.org.uk.

For more information about parks transformation and the partnership between National Trust and Newcastle City Council please visit www.futureparks.org.

How to apply

The National Trust is working with Newcastle City Council to coordinate the recruitment of the Board of Trustees for the new charitable trust for Newcastle. Please apply by returning a covering letter and CV explaining how you meet the requirements of the role description, by email to futureparks@nationaltrust.org.uk.

In your application, please specify whether you are interested in the role of Chair or Trustee. Those who apply for the role of Chair will also be considered for the role of Trustee unless otherwise stated.

All applications should be received by midnight on Mon 12 Feb 2018.

Interviews for Chair will take place on Fri 2 March 2018, and Trustee interviews will take place on Mon 19 March and Mon 26 March 2018.

For an informal discussion about the opportunity, please contact Tony or Victoria:

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