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Civic Voice Awayday

Dickens Room, Birmingham and Midland Institute, Margaret Street,

Birmingham. B3 3BS <https://bmi.org.uk/>

Saturday, 29th February 2020

10.30am for 11.00am start

Dear Colleague,

I have been asked to facilitate the Civic Voice Awayday in Birmingham on Saturday, 29th February.

The day will start at 11am and will end at around 3.30pm. Refreshments will be available on arrival at the venue from 10.30am.

The purpose of the day is to allow participants to develop the strategy that Civic Voice can follow over the next three to five years. I hope to help you shape a vision that will take the organisation forward and to identify steps that you can take individually and collectively to help implement the new strategy.

We will spend our time together working through a number of exercises that should get you thinking about the role of Civic Voice and helping you to formulate ideas for what you want of the organisation in the future: what does it need to do to survive and what does it need to grow while remaining relevant to a group of diverse stakeholders? As someone with a long involvement in the civic movement, I think I am well placed to guide your discussions but it is important that what comes out of the Awayday are your own views of what you want to see happen at Civic Voice.

Enclosed with this letter is a discussion paper prepared by Ian Harvey and a short questionnaire that I would urge you to fill in before coming to the Awayday. The questions the latter contains are meant to help you marshal your thoughts in advance of the day. As we don't have very many hours together on Saturday, thinking through some of these issues beforehand will save time when we meet. The answers you provide on the questionnaire are for your eyes only – you will not be asked to show anyone what you have written, but, in the spirit of making the day a success, and on the basis that you tend to get more out of these events by sharing your ideas, concerns and aspirations openly with colleagues, you will be encouraged to feed your thoughts into the discussions.

I am looking forward to meeting you on 29th February for what will, I hope, be an enjoyable and productive day.

Kevin Trickett, 24th February 2020

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Biography:

Kevin is a native of Wakefield and has lived in and around the city all his life.

He joined the Civil Service on leaving school in 1972 for what he intended to be just a temporary summer job but which somehow turned into a 40-year career. Following a series of promotions, his career culminated as a senior manager with responsibility for delivering multi-million-pound national business change and IT projects and programmes.

Since leaving the Civil Service in 2012, Kevin now devotes much of his time to charity work, writing, public speaking, and travel. He writes and speaks about some of his favourite subjects including architecture, heritage, philosophy, travel and Art Deco. He also writes restaurant reviews and other articles for Yorkshire business-to-business magazine *TopicUK*. His blog can be found on his website <https://itbroadensthemind.com/>.

Kevin is well versed in the activities of the civic movement, having been a trustee of Wakefield Civic Society since 1990. He was elected as the Society's President in March 2002 and continues to hold that position today. Under his leadership, the Society has boosted both its profile and its finances and is one of the most active societies in the region.

Shortly after taking up the presidency of Wakefield Civic Society, he became a trustee of the Yorkshire and Humber Association of Civic Societies (YHACS) and was elected as its Chair in January 2011, a role which he also continues to fulfil.

Kevin was a trustee of the national charity Civic Trust from 2004 to 2009 where, amongst other responsibilities, he chaired the National Committee for Civic Societies. After the demise of the charity, Kevin worked to help set up Civic Voice, the new national body for civic and amenity societies, established in 2010.

Kevin's other voluntary work includes his role as Deputy Chair of arts charity Beam (2013 to 2019) and a seven-year stint as a trustee of the Community Foundation for Wakefield (2008-2015).

He often leads guided walks around Wakefield on behalf of Wakefield Civic Society and speaks about the work of the Society to community groups. He has written two short guidebooks about Wakefield's history and architecture, both published by the Society.

In the 2018 New Year's Honours List, Kevin was awarded an MBE for services to the community in Wakefield.