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South Brent Old School Community Centre seeks a

PROFESSIONAL FUNDRAISER

to provide support to the Rejuvenating the Centre project

£500,000 has already been raised towards South Brent Old School Community Centre's exciting £1.5m Rejuvenation of the Community Centre Project and we are now seeking an experienced freelance fundraiser to provide expert help in securing the next phase of funding and ensure this much-loved historic building continues to serve our community for the next 150 years.

WHO WE ARE SEEKING

Trustees are looking to appoint professional support to the Rejuvenating the Centre fundraising work with a particular focus on ensuring that the existing funding serves as a springboard to securing the required additional fundraising.

We wish to appoint a suitably experienced and qualified fundraiser in a self-employed capacity to:

- establish, maintain and manage a schedule of fundraising opportunities,
- assist in developing and promoting a fundraising campaign, programme and prospectus,
- assist Old School trustees and partners in identifying priority funding opportunities and submitting bids,
- identify and assist in establishing online funding opportunities.

A REWARDING POSITION

Trustees have allocated **up to £5,000** for the provision of fundraising support for the next phase of fundraising. It is anticipated that the initial phase will take place between September and December 2025, so we are looking for the successful candidate to start as soon as possible.

HOW TO APPLY

Please send the following **by midday on 15**th **September** to <u>info@theoldschool.org.uk</u> for the attention of Ross Kennerley (Chair of Trustees):

- Covering letter
- CV
- Proposed hourly rate
- Outline proposal for next stages of a fundraising campaign

Submitted bids will be evaluated as follows: knowledge & experience 60%; value for money 40%.

ABOUT THE PROJECT

Rejuvenating the Centre is already a project that will succeed. It is already guaranteed to deliver most of the essential works starting in 2026.

The challenge is to see how far we can go in completing the essential works and delivering all the potential additional and improved accommodation. Existing Fundraising sits at around £500,000, and the extent to which we can carry out our aims is dependent on further fundraising (approximate figures below).

There are two broad elements to the Rejuvenation Project:

- 1. **Essential works** to the roof and ceilings incorporating new energy generation, efficiency and storage alongside a centre-wide upgrade to heating and services. Cost estimates range from £450,000 to £750,000 depending on extent of works and specification.
- 2. **Further works:** Refurbished and expanded rooms and spaces following consultation and work with partners. We may need to phase these improvements to reflect available funding. Cost estimates for these upgrades take the potential overall costs to over £1.5 million depending on extent and specification.

We have strong partnerships, and we are working collaboratively with these organisations to realise this project together:

- South Brent & District Caring
- Art House
- Sustainable South Brent
- South Brent Community Library
- South Brent Archive

Could you be part of this passionate and energetic team, and play your part in rejuvenating the Old School Community Centre, making it warm, dry and welcoming for generations to come? If yes, we'd love to hear from you.

Find out more about the Rejuvenating Centre project by visiting our website: www.theoldschool.org.uk/home/rejuvenating-the-centre and our JustGiving page: www.justgiving.com/page/rejuvenating-the-centre