



Form EOI/CCT/24 - Expression of Interest



In relation to:
Seventeen
Nineteen/ Holy
Trinity Church,
East Street East,
Sunderland.
SR1 2BB.

1. **Background:**

Holy Trinity is a stunning example of a Georgian church anchored in the heart of Sunderland’s East End, and was pivotal in the development of the merchant and maritime history of the area. The site has recently undergone a £5.1 million conservation and regeneration transformation project supported by the National Lottery Heritage Fund. Following this, the Seventeen Nineteen project has received several conservation and tourism awards, the team have delivered an impressive range of activities through the site with visitors and the local community, and the site has cemented itself as a significant landmark on the cultural and historic map of the region. The CCT are now looking to the next stage of the project, and are searching for long-term partner tenants who can work out of the building and will help us to look after and safeguard this fantastic site well into the future.

About the CCT:

The Churches Conservation Trust is the national charity responsible for saving historic churches at risk. We have saved over 350 buildings which attract almost 2 million visitors a year. Our unique collection of English churches includes irreplaceable examples of architecture. We operate the third largest heritage estate in charitable ownership in the UK. All of the churches in our collection are listed, mostly Grade I and II*.





2. What we're looking for:

The CCT are interested in hearing from organisations interested in becoming tenants, licensees, or partners to work from and/or help operate and deliver activities and events through the site at Seventeen Nineteen, Sunderland.

By completing the attached EOI (Expression of Interest) Form CCT will be able to collate relevant information on initial proposals, allowing us to assess each EOI objectively, with a view to finding the best long term fit for the site. Where the Expression of Interest is being submitted on behalf of more than one organisation working in a consortium or partnership, please provide relevant information for all of parties involved.

Types of partners

All applications are welcome, but we are particularly interested in speaking to potential local partners who can meet specific criteria. We would love to hear from organisations who have local knowledge and experience, are focused on the community and have experience of successfully working with specified target groups. We welcome applications from organisations;

- Who would like to operate from an iconic historic building.
- Who have a vision of what they can achieve through the site.
- Those who will work to help fulfil the longer term vision of the CCT and the NHLF as project funder.
- Who can work within the community, and understand local needs/audiences.
- Who might support the delivery of a sustainable business model through the site which could include ticketed events, craft markets, performances, celebratory events (such as wedding receptions), heritage events, learning and engagement workshops with schools and the local community, heritage / cultural activities, and making Holy Trinity available as a corporate/commercial space for hire.
- We are prepared to look at alternative uses outside of the original approved purposes. Currently the building is classed as D1.
- There may be some additional support funding for a relevant organization wanting to base themselves in the venue.



3. The Building:

Seventeen Nineteen, formerly Holy Trinity – was Sunderland's first parish church – and it has been renovated and restored, in collaboration with the National Lottery Heritage Fund, to preserve the shared heritage of the local community and play a part in Sunderland's current cultural network. With a large open plan main hall, it offers a variety of different flexible uses – from event or gallery space, a café, as well as offices. The building provides over 6000 sq ft of usable space, newly refurbished, all in beautiful Grade 1 Listed surroundings. A floor plan accompanies this EOI, but if you need more information, please do get in contact with the a member of the team on the contact details below.

Expectations around partnership:

Any operational partner will be expected to support the following where possible:

- a) Support the financial sustainability of the site via contributions to annual management and maintenance and a sinking fund for repairs.
- b) Adhere to all CCT policies and procedures in line with caring for and operating from Grade 1 listed historic place of worship.
- c) Where feasible, commit to continued development of audiences and community outreach.

4. EOI Application

If you would like more information, and a more informal discussion around the various options and partnership opportunities, please do get in touch with Guy Foreman, CCT Head of Enterprise, on gforeman@thecct.org.uk – 07823 341 544.

Please complete Form EOI/CCT/24, accompanying it with any additional supporting documents or evidence such as business plans and projections, in order to support the Expression of Interest, as

required.

Applications should be sent electronically by email to commercial@thecct.org.uk

Closing date for EOI's is by 28th June 202



1. Main Contact:

Title:

First name:

Surname:

Telephone Number:

Mobile Number:

Email Address:

Business Address:

2. Business/Organisation Details:

2a. Which sector do you currently operate in?

2b. What is the size of your Business/Organisation?

2c. Organisation reference no. if applicable (Charity/Company reg no):

2d. Please outline your management structure:

2e. Please provide examples of 2 partner/client businesses or organisations that you have worked with in the past:

2f. Please note below how many years your organisation has been trading

2g. Please attach a copy of your annual accounts if relevant.

3. Operational Outline:

3a. How are you proposing to use the space at Holy Trinity, Sunderland (Purpose of business and vision for the space)?

3b. How are you aiming to finance your business model (grant funding, earned income etc)

3c. What do you expect your projected annual turnover to be through the project?

3d. How would you outline the benefits that you bring to the local community?

Please email completed submissions through to: commercial@thecct.org.uk . If you would like more information, and a more informal discussion around the various options and partnership opportunities, please do get in touch with either Guy Foreman, CCT Head of Enterprise, on gforeman@thecct.org.uk – 07823 341 544.

Please submit all Expressions of Interest to CCT by 27th May 2024- we will get in touch with applicants directly to discuss their interest further and proceed on a more formal basis after this.

Signature:

Date: