

All Souls Bolton Our first two years



How we got here

All Souls, Bolton opened in December 2014 revealing the results of an ambitious scheme which had been ten years in the making. Through a partnership between The Churches Conservation Trust and the local community, and with support from a variety of funders, this Grade II* listed church was restored to its role at the heart of Bolton life.

With a cafe, event and office space, All Souls is an award winning, 21st-century community space for people of all faiths and none.

Our achievements so far

All Souls has been open for two years. These are a few facts and figures on our work to date:

- £4.9m investment into Bolton
- Multiple-award winner:
 - Historic England's Heritage Angel Award (2015)
 - RICS Project of the Year (North West) (2015)
 - RICS Building Conservation Award (2015)
 - RICS Community Benefit Award (2015)
 - Civic Voice Design Award (2015)
- 6 jobs created
- 11 work placements provided in 2015/16
- 3 people found jobs as a result of our work placement programme
- 3 people who started in work placements stayed on as volunteers, working towards a diploma in customer service
- All Souls helped generate over 300 volunteer days, welcoming 18 new volunteers
- 750 visitors welcomed to All Souls each month
- All Souls has been a venue for over 400 events
- 4 tenants based at All Souls, delivering a range of services to the local community
- Over £3000 raised for other local charities through fundraising activities at All Souls



Our History Wall created in partnership with the community explains the history of the area, its people and the building



Ticketed events such as our Big Band Nights have attracted new and returning visitors



Craft activities provide valuable opportunities for people to get together



'I've just spent three days training at All Souls and had such a great experience that I felt moved to share it. Such a friendly and welcoming team, always happy to help. Great facilities and amazing food.'

Working in partnership with the community

All Souls has local people at its heart; our programme features activities for everyone.



Children enjoy learning new skills at one of our free workshops



Abseiling from our 36m tower has proven popular at our community open days



Meeting room hire and catering for conferences and business events helps support our community activities



All Souls is once again a venue to celebrate important occasions in the lives of local people

‘Wonderful use of a lovely building - so glad it continues to serve the local community.’

'Lots of childhood memories in a building that has been sympathetically renovated.'

Achievements at a glance

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