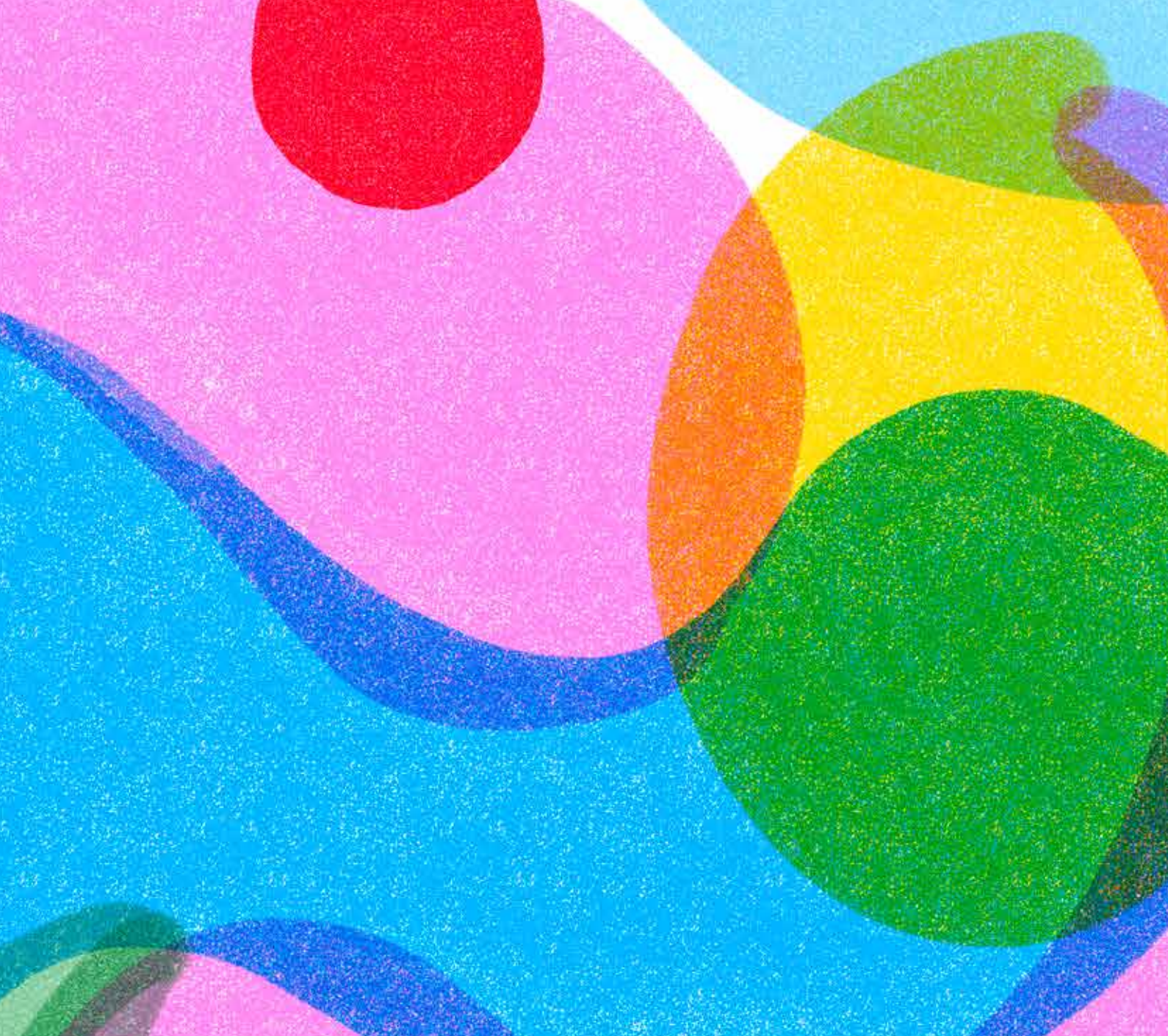




Join our board



About us

The People's Property Portfolio (PPP) is a Community Benefit Society with a mission to bring under-utilised buildings and spaces back into the hands of local people (rather than the hands of property developers that are not rooted in the local area). The long-term ambition is to secure a number of buildings, starting in Bradford, that will support cultural activity and social good.

A Community Benefit Society is a not-for-profit co-operative that operates under clear rules, for the benefit of its members, and is registered with the Financial Conduct Authority. This means PPP is member-led and community-owned, with all property secured for generations to come. We are passionate about community-minded property development, and ensuring that economic value created by reinvigorating spaces is retained by, and reinvested in, local people.

We believe the People's Property Portfolio has the potential to be a powerful catalyst for change. PPP board members have played a crucial role in the development of 26 Piccadilly, an important arts space at the heart of Bradford's year as UK City of Culture 2025. In November 2025, PPP acquired its first property: 17-21 Chapel Street, the former Bradford Resource Centre and Quaker School at the heart of the Little Germany Conservation Area. PPP is currently focused on the restoration and redevelopment of this Grade II listed building, and recently generated over £105,000 of vital investment via a Community Share Offer. Planning permission for the redevelopment has been granted and the restoration project is estimated to cost in the region of £3 million, making this an exciting time to join the board.

PPP is made up of an experienced board of directors who support this ambition by contributing their skills in different ways. PPP is looking to diversify the skills of the board through the recruitment of a Treasurer. We are seeking someone that can improve accounting and financial management, help put PPP on a sustainable footing and support us to achieve growth.

Be part of something bold

We established PPP as a Community Benefit Society in 2020.

Since then, we've worked with communities to identify shared needs in Bradford, through formal and informal consultation.

We've built relationships with Bradford Council, West Yorkshire Combined Authority, and other strategic stakeholders - on a city-wide, regional and national footprint.

We've built strong links across the country with like-minded organisations.

We took an initial public ownership project to the beginning of RIBA stage 3, paving the way for Bradford Culture Company to see it across the line and transform it into Loading Bay, a new cultural space for the city, in time for UK City of Culture.



17-21 Chapel Street

In November 2025, PPP took ownership of 17-21 Chapel Street, formerly known as the Bradford Resource Centre.

PPP is indebted to Bradford Resource Centre Ltd (1979 – 2021) and the Friends of the Bradford Resource Centre. Through their careful stewardship, they have ensured this beautiful Grade II listed building is safeguarded for public benefit.

Continuing this legacy, PPP will refurbish and reopen this important community asset, serving the Bradford well into the future.

Our ambition is that, once again, 17-21 Chapel Street will be the beating heart of the creativity and community in Bradford.

We are currently raising grant funding to do this, and we recently ran a Community Share Offer to enable our members to own and shape the vision collectively.



What is it like to be a director?

As a PPP director you are a key decision-maker, working as part of a committed and supportive team of directors. You are also a member of the Community Benefit Society. The board currently works with a series of contractors and agencies, but is at an exciting point in its development as it looks to grow and take on staff of its own. Until such a time, board members are hands-on, supporting strategy, compliance and oversight while also dedicating their time to project delivery. This includes fundraising, communications and member, community and stakeholder engagement, and the development of the building. Ordinarily, board members are asked to commit 2-3 hours a week to PPP, though this can vary depending on delivery requirements.

As well as playing an active role in board meetings, which take place six times a year in the evenings (virtual and in-person), directors are members of active sub-committees/working groups and come together periodically to set direction, discuss discrete topics and support PPP events.

As a director, you will take on some key responsibilities, including:

- Ensuring PPP is operating according to our principles and aims, and for public good.
- Complying with our governing documents and rules.
- Scrutinising the work of PPP team members and contractors.
- Setting strategy and establishing robust organisational policies.
- Acting in PPP's best interests and championing its work to stakeholders.
- Managing PPP's resources responsibly, including spending and securing funding.
- Acting with due care and skill and utilising the skills you have to help PPP thrive.
- Ensuring we comply with our responsibilities, including fulfilling our obligations under the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 and our regulatory requirements to the Financial Conduct Authority.

You will join a team of passionate and determined directors and, as a group, you will be responsible for shaping the future of the PPP and stewarding our assets, for the benefit of members and the local community.

Directors are voluntary, but reasonable expenses may be paid.



Why I'm a Director!

I really believe that our high streets and town centres should serve and benefit the communities that live there, not absentee investors. I also believe that our heritage buildings have a bright and exciting future when filled with communities coming together and making stuff happen. Becoming a Director of PPP has enabled me to be part of collective action to try and make this a reality in Bradford.

It's been great to be able to bring my professional experience to support this mission, but I've also learned so much - about social investment, organisational development and co-operative working— alongside a fantastic group of equally passionate people with a broad range of experience and knowledge.

We're a small but mighty voluntary team. As we welcome 300 new members and deliver an ambitious capital project, we're looking to grow PPP's capacity with the skills and experience needed for the future. Now is a great time to join our growing community.

Carys Fieldson



Our Current Directors



Stacey Arnold is an experienced policy and external affairs professional specialising in culture and the creative industries. She is currently working in the public sector. Stacey's previous freelance research into artists' studio provision brought her to PPP - to test practical solutions to creative workspace challenges. Stacey is an RSA Fellow.



Sarah Bird is an artist whose work engages with the built environment. She studied Housing, Regeneration and Urban Management at Leeds Beckett, and was a guest lecturer at Newcastle University specialising in community-led development. She has over 10 years experience working in co-ops and is passionate about collectively owning and shaping our cities and spaces. Sarah recently coordinated PPP's successful Community Share Offer campaign.



Adam Cole is Chair of the Board and Coop Member at Suma Wholefoods Cooperative in Calderdale. Adam has extensive commercial experience, including as a freelancer, producing identities/logos, print and web materials for charities, small businesses and the creative sector.

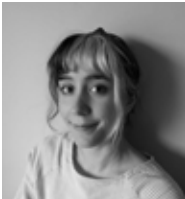


Kennedy Drake is a Bradford-born and based artist. She received a first-class BA Hons in Visual Arts at Bradford School of Art and a distinction in MFA Fine Art at Sheffield Hallam University. Kennedy is passionate about celebrating the art, history and heritage of Bradford, while also focusing on accessibility.





Carys Fieldson brings broad experience in urban regeneration and creative placemaking across local government, cultural, environmental, and heritage sectors. She is passionate about empowering communities and championing people-powered approaches to creating thriving and sustainable places.



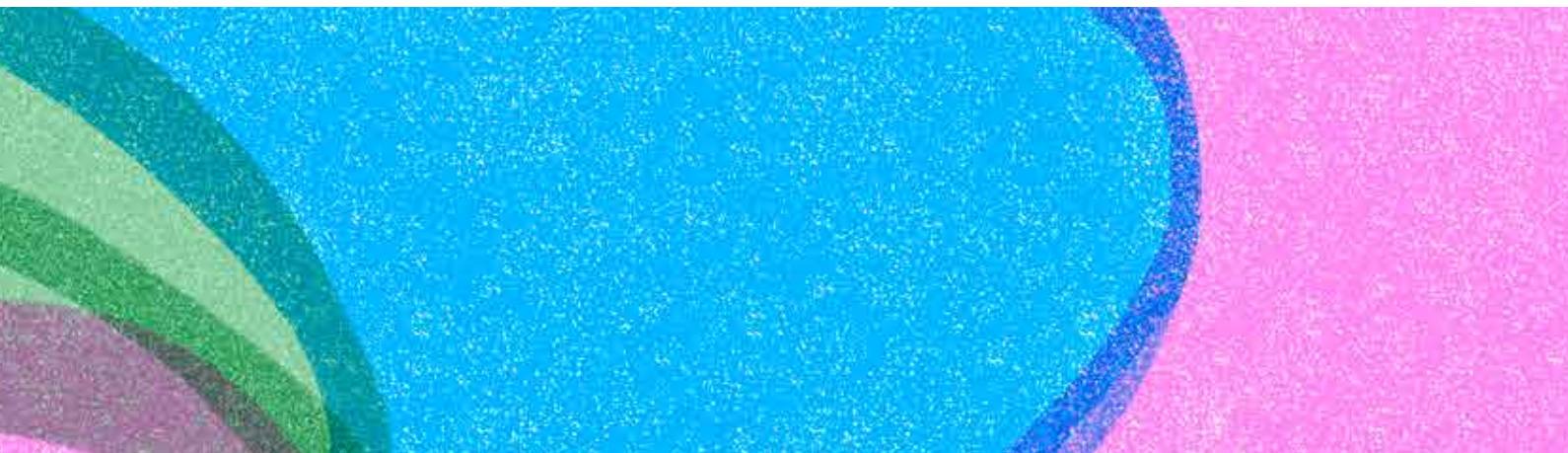
Eleanor Garipis joined PPP following almost four years at Bradford Metropolitan District Council. She is experienced in conservation, architecture, regeneration, procurement and community engagement and currently working in national policy.



Harry Jelley is an artist and creative producer specialising in working in a heritage context. He is co-director of Edible Archives. He is currently working with Bradford 2025 on international arts projects, and has developed public programmes for various heritage organisations and museums.



Fatima Mahmood currently works in the charity sector, focusing on racial justice, human rights and advocacy. With an MSc in Human Rights and Politics from LSE, she is passionate about research, community organising, and tackling inequalities.



A successful board has many skills and people with different perspectives and life experience

Diversity of thought and experience on the board makes PPP richer. We are open to applications for all, and we particularly encourage applicants from Bradford and West Yorkshire to apply - to strengthen our local presence and understanding. Similarly, we encourage applications from candidates likely to be underrepresented in the VCSE, co-operative and cultural sectors.

Our Treasurer vacancy

We are seeking someone with strong financial management skills, who can take on the role of Treasurer on the board. They will play a crucial role in PPP by overseeing our finances. The Treasurer will maintain a strategic focus on our financial resources and their management, working closely with the Chair, other Trustees and our auditors. The new Treasurer will benefit from support and guidance from the previous Treasurer, who has taken on new responsibilities within PPP, along with critical friends who provide PPP with finance support.

The Treasurer will also lead a small finance working group, to ensure monies for multiple projects are accounted for, funder reporting requirements (as relates to finance) are met and annual reports are produced alongside our accountants. As a Community Benefit Society, we have several different revenue streams, including restricted funds and grants and unrestricted share offer investment.

You may bring experience of finance in a capital development or property context. You may have experience of cooperative or other not-for-profit organisations. While these are desirable, they are not essential requirements.



How to apply

Please send your CV and a cover letter (no longer than a page) to us, outlining why you'd like to be on the board and your suitability.

Please email this to peoplespropertyportfolio@gmail.com.

You are also welcome to substitute your cover letter for a voice note or video recording (no longer than 3 minutes in length).

If you would like to have a preliminary conversation with a member of the PPP Board, please email Harry Jelley at harry.jelley@gmail.com.

Timeline

Friday 17 July 2026, 11.59pm: Deadline for applications.

Please note that applications may close sooner if the right candidates are identified, or may be extended if we need to broaden the candidate pool.

Week commencing 20 July 2026: We'll communicate decisions and next steps to applicants, and reach out to prospective candidates for an informal conversation (virtual or in-person).

Monday 3 August 2026: Final decisions will be communicated (except in the event of an extension).





We are also seeking board expertise in the following areas

- Capital Project Management
- Building Development and Portfolio Management
- Legal
- HR

If you have skills and experience in these areas that you could bring to PPP, please email peoplespropertyportfolio@gmail.com to start a conversation.

Thank you for your interest
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