



Membership Information

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Hello from Philip Davis JQDT Chairman

Today’s historic Jewellery Quarter is a melting pot of business owners, employees, residents and students. This hybrid of individuals and organisations contributes to the vibrancy and diversity that Birmingham is recognised for nationally and internationally.

Steering this community is the Jewellery Quarter Development Trust (JQDT). Familiar to some as the operator of the Jewellery Quarter Business Improvement District, the JQDT is at the heart of life in the Quarter.

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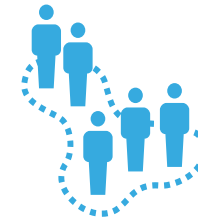
What is the Jewellery Quarter Development Trust?

The JQDT was established in 2011. It is a Community Interest Company constituted and operated for the benefit of the communities in Birmingham’s historic Jewellery Quarter. The JQDT carries out a range of activities for the benefit of all who live, work, learn within, invest in and visit the area.

JQDT’s main objectives are to:



Improve the economic well being of the area



Provide better amenities, facilities & cultural activities & visitor attractions



Encourage initiatives that provide high quality, sustainable & affordable housing



Promote & enhance the unique industrial heritage



Maintain & provide an attractive, clean and safe environment



Oversee the BID for the Jewellery Quarter

How does the JQDT operate?

The JQDT is run by volunteers, although paid staff are employed to run our funded work programmes. The day-to-day operation of the Trust is overseen by a Board of Directors. The Directors are drawn from the Membership of the JQDT.

Members are individuals or organisations that have a demonstrable interest in the development of the Quarter. The Membership helps ensure the activities of the company are meeting its aims and objectives.

The current organisational members include the:

- Assay Office Birmingham
- (BCU) School of Jewellery
- Jewellery Quarter Association
- Jewellery Quarter Marketing Initiative
- Jewellery Quarter Neighbourhood Forum

What does membership involve?

Members must:

- Attend two Members' meetings a year (Spring / Autumn)
- Attend at least one JQDT event per calendar year (eg Speaker Breakfast, JQ Festival, Christmas Lights Switch On) to advocate the work of the JQDT
- Promote and champion JQDT projects and events to their networks

Members are also expected to be actively involved in the life of the Quarter. This can be achieved in a variety of ways, for example:

- Bringing people to the annual BID Levy Payers dinner
- Contributing to the development of the JQ Neighbourhood Plan
- Helping out at a Jewellery Quarter Association event
- Volunteering on a JQ Neighbourhood Forum project

There is also the opportunity for Members to become JQDT Board Directors.

How/When can I become a Member?

The size of the membership is set at an appropriate level by the JQDT Board of Directors. It is reviewed annually to ensure the different constituencies are represented. If we are recruiting, the process takes place in April every year.

What does the JQDT do?

The JQDT acts as an umbrella body, through which different constituencies in the Quarter can come together and work to benefit the whole area.

We engage with local stakeholders, including Birmingham City Council, on issues important to the Quarter and we run specific work programmes.

As well as supporting these specific work programmes, Members of the JQDT are heavily involved in a wide variety of initiatives and organisations that contribute to the development of the Quarter.

These include the Jewellery Quarter Association, the Jewellery Quarter Marketing Initiative, the Jewellery Quarter Neighbourhood Forum, and the JQ Neighbourhood Plan.



Jewellery Quarter Business Improvement District

The Jewellery Quarter BID is operated through the JQDT. The JQBID is in its second five year term (2017-2022) and delivers projects, events and initiatives for the benefit of the JQ community. Over the current term, the JQBID will be responsible for £2.9m investment in the Quarter.

Townscape Heritage

The JQDT is managing a three-year Heritage Lottery Fund scheme. In total £1.8 million grant funding will be used to support building improvement works and heritage activity focusing on an area labelled as the 'Industrial Middle' which forms part of the Jewellery Quarter Conservation Area.

Planning & Consultative Committee

This group comments on planning applications in the Quarter, and seeks to encourage the use of high-quality development. The group is recognised by Birmingham City Council as an official pre-application consultee. Members of this committee are heavily involved in the development of the JQ Neighbourhood Plan.





For any enquiries relating to the JQDT please contact the Executive Director Luke Crane luke.crane@jqdt.org or visit www.jewelleryquarter.net

The contact details for the JQ organisations referenced in this leaflet are listed below:

Jewellery Quarter Association
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Jilly Cosgove, jilly@barques.co.uk

Jewellery Quarter Marketing Initiative
(jewellery industry focused)

Chris Green, sales@crystalink.co.uk

Jewellery Quarter Neighbourhood Forum
(residents association)

www.jqnf.org

JQ Neighbourhood Plan

www.jewelleryquarter.net/jq-neighbourhood-plan/

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