

City of London - Application for Appointment to a City of London Board or Commission

Application

Please choose the Board or Commission you are interested in serving on: **Eldon House**

Contact Information

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Experience and Qualifications

If you have experience on a London Board or Commission, please provide dates and details. (max. 3000 characters):

I am a current Director on the Eldon House Board. I am completing a 4-year term and applying for a second term. I also serve (past 4 years) as Chair of the Eldon House Education committee. I am a current member of the Collections and Policy Committee, contributing to policy reviews and accession decisions. Presently I am a member of the Ridout Promenade Project, partnering with the Curator of Local History at Museum London, and working under the leadership of the Eldon House Curator Director. I have also participated at Eldon House as a volunteer - with the New Horizons for Seniors Memory Lane outreach, with Museum School and with the Geneology public programming event. I'm a devotee of the Eldon House summer tea programme.

What do you hope to contribute or learn as part of a Board or Commission? (max. 3000 characters):

I will support the Board and staff as methods and strategies are developed to engage an evolving audience. I will continue to support the Education Committee, which has the vital role of providing engaging programming to London's school children. I will continue to work with the Education Coordinator as programming moves forward following the restrictions of the pandemic. I will continue to support the other Eldon House committees, in particular Strategy and Innovation, Marketing and Gardening, as they move forward with ideas to keep Eldon House vital and an important part of London's cultural scene. I will continue to learn about the day-to-day functioning of this historic home, as well as the strategies which will be used to respect and activate the Eldon House mission statement. I will continue to learn about the challenges, demands and accomplishments of sustaining a cultural landmark such as Eldon House.

How will you support the work of a Board or Commission? (max. 3000 characters):

I will support the Board's work through consistent attendance at monthly Board meetings. Through advance preparation I will be an active participant in meetings, showing support for staff work and initiatives, lending expertise and counsel as needed. I will contribute thoughtfully to Board discussions and decision-making so that sound practices will continue to lead Eldon House into a bright future. I take seriously the obligation for stewardship of this important historical building and its impressive collection. I will support the curator and staff's work to respectfully and sensitively narrate the story of London's early days for a modern, diverse audience. I will work with Board and staff to promote Eldon House and to protect the physical

structure and enhance the grounds. In so doing, Eldon House will continue to be a draw for citizens and tourists, and contribute to the vibrancy of the downtown core.

Please describe additional experience, training, or community involvement that will help you in your role as a Board or Commission Member. (max. 3000 characters):

I am a retired educator, having enjoyed a successful career as teacher (Grades 1-8, French Immersion, gifted education), vice-principal, Principal and Faculty Advisor at Western University.

My extensive background in public education will serve me well in supporting a cultural and educational setting such as Eldon House.

Currently I am studying with the Ontario Museum Association, having completed 5 of 9 courses for the Certificate in Museum Studies (Education and Public programming, Artifacts, Care of Collections, Museums in Context, Organization and Management of Museums).

I am a former Board Member with the Heritage London Foundation.

I completed training through Eldon House with the Alzheimer Society in order to participate in the Memory Lane programme offered as outreach to seniors.

Attach resume or other document here, if needed:

Attach more files here, if needed:

Confirmations

I declare the following: **I am a resident of London. ; I am at least 18 years old.; I am not a City employee or Council member.; I understand that my application and any attachments will be included on a public agenda that is published on the City website.**

To help inform our outreach activities, please tell us how you heard about this opportunity: (optional): **Other**

If you selected 'Other', please specify: **Eldon House Curator Director**

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