

The Cheltenham Trust appoints three new Trustees

The Cheltenham Trust has announced three new appointments to its Board of Trustees.

They are Maxine Melling, previously Pro Vice Chancellor at the University of Gloucestershire; Sian Morgan, Director of Partnerships and Principal Gifts at Cheltenham Ladies' College; and Louis Eperjesi, CEO at Tyman Plc.

The Cheltenham Trust is an independent registered charity responsible for Cheltenham's £300 million iconic cultural and leisure sites, which includes two iconic listed buildings. Established in 2014, the Trust engages audiences through the arts, heritage, performance, tourism, sport, and play and wellbeing opportunities.

The historic and contemporary facilities across the town include: The Wilson - Gloucestershire's premier Art Gallery and Museum, Cheltenham Town Hall, Pittville Pump Room, Leisure at Cheltenham and the Prince of Wales stadium. The appointments are announced as the first phase of work as part of £2.5m transformation at Leisure At nears completion.

Raised and educated in Cheltenham, Louis Eperjesi is CEO for Tyman Plc, an international publicly quoted company, supplying building products in America, Europe, and Asia. His experience in building materials and manufacturing sectors spans 35 years. Louis is very keen on all sports and in his younger days represented the town at colts' rugby and water polo from junior levels through to the senior national league team where he played and coached Cheltenham for over 20 years.

With more than 30 years' experience in the University sector, Maxine Melling began her career at North Gloucestershire College and then as Director of Library and Student Support at Liverpool John Moores University, before becoming Pro Vice Chancellor at the University of Gloucestershire. More recently retired, Maxine is a Trustee for the Gladstone Library, Chair of the Cheltenham Civic Society and continues to write on the role of libraries.

Sian Morgan is currently the Director of Partnerships and Principal Gifts at Cheltenham Ladies College, where her main focus is to bring to life the development vision for the college, including a recent major fundraising project for a new Health and Fitness Centre. Previously, Sian was Managing Director of Cheltenham Festivals and prior to this ran the Blue Yonder internet server provision for Telewest.

Peter Harkness, Chair of the Board, said: "All three of our new Trustees are real champions for our town and it's many cultural and sporting attributes. Maybe more importantly, they are also dedicated to promoting and encouraging young audiences and participants, so I am delighted to welcome Maxine, Sian and Louis to the Board at an exciting time for the Trust.

"This is our first substantial addition to the original line-up of Trustees and they will hopefully serve on the Board for several years. We have a number of major projects currently underway or in the pipeline, including the transformation of the Town Hall and the major refurbishment of Leisure At which will see a range of new and upgraded facilities.

“We believe that all three Trustees bring valuable expertise to the Board and I look forward to working with them on future projects that will enrich the lives of residents and visitors through arts, culture, heritage, sport, play and performance.”

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Photo Caption:

New Trustees at The Cheltenham Trust visit Leisure At Cheltenham, as the first phase of £2.5m redevelopment works nears completion.

Names Left to right:

Photo 1:

Sian Morgan, Director of Partnerships and Principal Gifts at Cheltenham Ladies College; Louis Eperjesi, CEO for Tyman Plc.; Julie Finch, CEO of The Cheltenham Trust; Peter Harkness, Chair of the Board of Trustees at The Cheltenham Trust; Maxine Melling, previously Pro Vice Chancellor at the University of Gloucestershire.

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About the Cheltenham Trust

The Cheltenham Trust is an independent registered charity focused on developing Cheltenham’s culture and sport offer through community engagement, sustainable investment and social enterprise. Established in 2014, the Trust engages audiences through the arts, heritage, performance, tourism, sport, and play and wellbeing opportunities. The Trust’s historic and contemporary facilities across the town include: The Wilson Art Gallery and Museum, Cheltenham Town Hall, Pittville Pump Room, Leisure at Cheltenham and the Prince of Wales Stadium. Their teams provide outreach services across sport, play and arts development offering learning opportunities for all.