



## BETTER BOARD BANK – STILL A SUCCESS

The last round of Board Bank monitoring confirmed that the programme continues to be a success for both the arts organisations that use it and the candidates that join boards.

The return rate by candidates was excellent at 61% (thank you!) and 86% felt that their reasons for volunteering had been fulfilled either quite a lot or a great deal. Benefits received included networking opportunities; new approaches to problem solving and creative thinking; increased understanding of board level responsibilities and improved communications skills – and of course, enjoyment.

Arts organisations reported that 97% of the BBB candidates were committed to the organisation either quite a lot or a great deal. 92% of the matched board members had provided specialist advice at meetings and a further 78% did so outside meetings. 75% of the arts organisations felt that their board member had helped to introduce a more business-like approach to the organisation and 79% highlighted improved strategic planning. And 100% of the arts respondents would use the Better Board Bank programme again.

The programme continues to deliver benefits to both sides, as one board member put it, “Very much enjoying the experience – helping me a lot and I hope I am contributing skills and advice to my board.”

### IMPROVING BOARD LEADERSHIP

The next **Boards & Income workshop** is scheduled for 16 July, 1.00 – 5.00pm in Liverpool. More information will follow by email, but to register your interest, email [all@businessinthearts.co.uk](mailto:all@businessinthearts.co.uk).

The first Board development and Strategy Development sessions have been held – four in all, attended by 25 people. All rated the sessions good (8%), very good (42%) or excellent (50%). Contact [viv@businessinthearts.co.uk](mailto:viv@businessinthearts.co.uk) to discuss how the programme can work for you. Thanks to ACE funding, the sessions are priced to make them accessible for smaller organisations.

### FREE WEBSITE KITS

Thanks to MrSite, BIA:NW has free website software to give away to artists and arts organisations in the region. There are three different levels: beginners, standard and pro. These would cost between £25.99 and £65.99 if you bought them from your local retailer. Each kit provides you with customisable templates, your own domain name and free webhosting for a year. For more details see: <http://uk.mrsite.com/shop.html>



Get in touch with us if you would like a kit, ring 0151-709 8780 or email [all@businessinthearts.co.uk](mailto:all@businessinthearts.co.uk). The only thing we ask is that you collect or pay for the postage, or we may be able to arrange to drop it at a convenient place for you.

## QUICK FIXES

The Quick Fix programme is a growing programme with steadily climbing numbers of applications and completed fixes. The programme came out of the Skills Bank programme through which our excellent business volunteers provide advice and guidance over a period of time, usually several months, in areas such as business planning, marketing planning and employment. However, when arts organisations were just looking for an fast answer to a more defined query, a different solution was needed. Hence the birth of the Quick Fix programme which was designed to provide answers to questions such as: what is my intellectual property rights position in relation to this work? Or, how can I alter my Articles? Or even, if we do this artwork, can we protect ourselves against being sued? As you can see, legal questions are especially popular but HR and IT issues also come up. Yes, there are forms but it is relatively 'admin-light' and a Quick Fix can often be completed entirely by phone and email. Call or email us if you have something that needs fixing.

### The Programmes - Here are the latest matches:

#### **BETTER BOARD BANK - New matches bring the total to 486.**

Norton Priory Museum and Gardens - Guy Thomas, DWF LLP  
Brouhaha International - Julie Simms, DWF LLP  
Dance Manchester - Andre Langlois, DWF LLP  
Hope Street Limited - Mark Leech, Bruntwood  
Psappa - Kate Stross, consultant  
LOOK Liverpool International Photography Festival - Tony Cearns, Sideways Eye Consulting Ltd

#### **MENTORING - The number of matches confirmed to date is 160.**

#### **SKILLS BANK - The number of projects confirmed to date is 558.**

Pagoda Arts - Mark Lawler, Baltic Creative - property management & business planning  
Sense of Sound - Ian Rodgers, consultant - marketing

#### **QUICK FIXES – 165 completed to date.**

Citadel Arts Centre - Jonathan Gillow, Hill Dickinson LLP - legal, landlord & tenant  
Fallen Angels Dance Theatre - Gary Jones, Weightmans LLP - legal, organisational structures  
Blaze - Catherine Harrison, DWF LLP - legal, intellectual property  
Quarantine - Catherine Harrison, DWF LLP - legal  
Proud & Loud Arts - Helen Briant, DWF LLP - legal  
Shred Productions - Philip Moran, DWF LLP - legal  
Green Close Studios - Gary Jones, Weightmans LLP - legal, organisational structures  
Macclesfield Barnaby Festival - Philip Moran, DWF LLP - legal

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