

Friends of Newbattle Abbey College Association



Key Purpose

Friends of Newbattle Abbey College (FNACA) will be an association of students past and present, members of staff, connections from universities, colleges and schools, and all supporters of the work and development of the College, as it continues its core purpose of giving inclusive educational and skill-based opportunities to adults and young people.

A small working group has been active over the past year in putting together a proposal for establishing FNACA. It has looked at many things including possible purpose, structures, constitution, membership and activity for this embryonic organisation. Through consultation with both the College Board and the Trustees, there is clear support for this initiative, and also from the wider community

FNACA will be an independent charitable organisation. It will exist to support both the very diverse work of the College as set out in its strategic plans and will aim to harness the potential energies from a much wider community. It will be a membership organisation.

Celebrating Newbattle Abbey College

Newbattle Abbey College makes special things happen for many people. FNACA will support this in whatever way it can. It will bring added value and voice. It will focus on generating a very public celebration of all that Newbattle Abbey College is and does in its unique, distinctive ways. The College community will be enriched by providing a dynamic new avenue for public involvement.



Action

FNACA will seek to generate funds for projects that will enhance the work of Newbattle in its entirety – education, skill training, woodland management, links with other learning environments, with the huge public benefit this brings.

There will be events, promotion, partnerships, public engagement, student and alumni input, effective contemporary communication, international contributions, and so much more. The potential in this initiative is almost limitless.

The Way Ahead

The working group is holding a public meeting, kindly hosted by the College, on Wednesday 9th October at 7.00 p.m. in the Drawing Room. This is an open invitation to all. Refreshments will be provided.

In addition to the necessary input on what is intended and how it will hopefully be achieved, there will be ample opportunity for those present to participate fully in the discussion. It is anticipated that a small group of those who wish to take the plan forward will be established. This has got a head start, with interim chair and secretary ready and willing.

Please RSVP by Monday 30th September 2024 noting any additional requirements to: events@nac.ac.uk

For further information email Peter Wright MBE, interim chair and former alumnus 1968–69 at: wright.pete@hotmail.co.uk