

Friends of Stretford Public Hall Board of Directors

Update on Key Decisions March 2019

Ballroom transformation

The refurbishment of the Underhall is now complete and is being regularly hired out.

We are working towards submitting a full planning application to the Council for the final renovation work (Phase 3b Ballroom) likely to now commence in July 2019.

Repairs to the roof have commenced in order to replace the lead with substitute materials and avoid any future thefts.

Finance / fundraising

Board are actively applying for a number of grants in order to meet a shortfall of £100k to fund all aspects of the Ballroom Phase 3b renovation.

Board is actively recruiting a new Treasurer.

FoSPH is now VAT registered and from 1 April will need to charge VAT on our services. We will however be able to claim back VAT on expenditure including capital works and refurbishment.

Events and activities

We are currently at capacity for wellbeing activities at the Hall.
We are also receiving increasing bookings for general hires (e.g. Trafford Council).

Kids art classes 24th April-22nd May.

Life drawing is proving very popular despite the slight ticket price increase and April's Life Drawing session will involve two models.

Stretford Singers – tbc

Back to the Civic: Family All Dayer 28 April

Community Cinema: 27th April- Frida

Women's Histories: 10th-12th May Weekend-long festival of cultural activity, featuring film screenings, workshops and a range of arts, celebrating the history of women and social change in south Manchester. Generously funded by Film Hub North and delivered in partnership with the North West Film Archive (NWFA), MACFEST, the Muslim Arts and Culture Festival, and the Stretford Arts Collective (SAC32).