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Leave a legacy for future generations by leaving a gift in your will.
Find out below how to support the future of The Common Room.

The Common Room will be a celebration of graft and glory, telling the stories of the North East that changed the world, then and now.

By revitalising our Grade 2* listed building and making a step change in the access and interpretation of our internationally recognised archive of the industrial revolution, we will provide the space and inspiration for new collaborations and innovations.

Using our unique heritage, we will instill pride, ownership and understanding of the North East economy and inspire the next generation of innovators and engineers.

The Common Room programme will engage with the business community to deliver this, it will provide education and enrichment for young people, promoting skills development for the region's workforce and engaging the public with the heritage.

We will provide comfortable and accessible meeting rooms with first class facilities and menus for commercial meetings and a curious public to generate income to create part of the funding for our programme ambitions.

"I am delighted as we enter the final phases of a hard won strategy to revitalise Neville Hall and secure the future, within it, of NEIMME's valuable collections. Our founders would have approved wholeheartedly of the Common Room Project and its charitable objectives."

Dr Rick Smith,
President of NEIMME

The Common Room, a registered charity, was established in 2017 to work in partnership with the North of England Institute of Mining and Mechanical Engineers (NEIMME) to bid for funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund and other public and private sources. This support is needed to restore and refurbish Neville Hall, conserve and make publicly accessible the world class archive and collection, alongside developing a programme of training, education and public engagement.

The building re-development will commence in the Autumn of 2019, re-opening in Autumn 2020.

Our library and archives have been moved into safe storage and our librarian and volunteers continue to digitise and conserve our most precious and important items; by the end of 2019 nearly half of our main collection will be available online.

Our new public engagement and education programme continues to make and impact on young people in schools, communities and the workplace.

On the 1st March 2019 NEIMME transferred its assets, the library, archive and staff - to the Common Room but will retain an office within the building and continue to deliver its ongoing lecture series in the lecture theatre.

The vision

To use our unique heritage to inspire the next generation of innovators and engineers.

“Skill shortages are at a critical point for the region’s engineering sector. The Common Room will provide a city-centre space for young people to understand the region’s heritage, current industry and see their role in this. Young engineers will have a meeting point in central Newcastle to socialise, do business and broaden their awareness of why the North East continues to be a centre of excellence in engineering.”

Paul Robson,

Chairman NA College which provides in house training, apprentice and school engagement programmes for Nissan and Toyota.

Fundraising

Our project costs are £7.1m, in August 2018 we received notification from The National Lottery Heritage Fund of their grant award to the project of £4.1 million, leaving us with a match funding target of £3m.

To date we have secured £1.9m in direct commitments from trusts and foundations and individual donors. We are incredibly grateful to have had the support of such a diverse range of local and national supporters who have bought into our vision and aspirations for the Common Room.

We are seeking an additional £1.1m to complete the project and have been supported over the next 3 years by the North East LEP who have agreed a £1.5m cash flow loan to enable us time to fill this funding gap from a wide variety of Trust and Foundation, Governmental and Individual funding sources.

A gift for future generations

Of course, family and friends will be your first priority, but you can also leave a gift in your will that will enable us to:

- Preserve the fabric of our building for the long term
- Provide educational workshops in primary and secondary schools across the region to inspire the engineers of the future
- Provide a quality programme for the business community and civic engagement
- Support the professional development of our Youth Board members enabling them on their journey to become the leaders of tomorrow
- Support the donation of special mining/engineering associated material to the archive with the funds to support the library running costs to preserve and digitise your gift



My pledge

Leaving a portion of your estate or your residual estate to the Common Room in your will, helps us preserve our historic building and world class collection for the benefit of the public, and to preserve the legacy of the Mining Institute's rich heritage to inspire the young people of today to become the engineers and innovators of tomorrow.

Letting us know of your intention to make a gift in your will enables you, if you wish, to join our honorary Living Legacy circle and gives us the opportunity to thank and recognise your support during your lifetime.

If you are considering leaving a legacy or would like to discuss your existing gift in will, please contact The Common Room on **0191 250 9717**, for a confidential conversation, or complete the form and return marked 'Confidential' to:

Philippa King-Williams, The Common Room, Neville Hall, Westgate Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 1SE

All enquiries are treated in the strictest confidence.



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Please tick here if you would like us to contact your representative in the first instance

By ticking this box you agree for us to keep your details on file

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We advise you to consult an independent professional advisor when making your will, and if any changes to your will need to be made.

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