
Marilyn Scott

CCN Partner

MA, AMA

Curriculum Vitae

Marilyn has worked in museums, galleries and heritage attractions for over 25 years. She was formerly Director of the award winning Lightbox in Woking Surrey, winner of The Art Fund Prize in 2008. She project managed The Lightbox from feasibility study to opening of the building in 2007, having raised £7.2m for the construction and fit out. Marilyn has worked in national museums, at both the V&A and Science Museum and for The National Trust. She is currently a Trustee of The Weald and Downland Museum and Brooklands Museum and ASpace Arts and a Council member for AIM. She is a consultant for NLHF working with a wide range of heritage attractions to monitor and support their grant programmes. Marilyn has wide experience in the consulting field and her areas of specialism include strategic and business planning, fundraising, interpretive planning, income generation and sustainability, and managing volunteers. She also has extensive experience of managing organisations within a Trust framework and works with Trustees to improve and enhance governance.

Marilyn has international experience and works as a consultant for The British Council advising museums and galleries on business models and staff development. She has recently worked in Russia, Bahrain, Slovenia, Taiwan and Georgia.

In 2012 Marilyn joined Cultural Consulting Network and has worked on a wide range of projects particularly assisting with NLHF applications, fundraising strategy, feasibility studies and Business Plans.

‘Marilyn brings an insight based on many years’ experience of working in and developing museums. There is very little that she hasn’t had personal experience of and this kind of advice is worth an enormous amount as it is based on fact and hard experience rather than supposition’ Arundel Museum Society



Selected Projects

Bevis Marks Synagogue

NLHF Application interpretation and activity planning

Highdown Gardens

NLHF application governance and activity planning

Fulham Palace Trust: Trustee visioning, strategy & business planning, Activity Plan for R2 NLHF Application. Re appointed for business development study 2021.

Flat Holm Island Cardiff

NLHF Expert Adviser

Canal and River Trust

Feasibility study for investment options for Gloucester Docks and Ellesmere Port museums

Stover Country Park

Interpretation planning NLHF Round 2

Elmbridge Borough Council

Interim Museum Manager

Jane Austen’s House Museum

Strategic planning with Board of Trustees

Corinium Museum

Capital Fundraising for NLHF project

Cowper and Newton Museum

Feasibility study for museum development
NLHF application

Gods House Tower: Southampton

Business & activity planning, fundraising.

Gloucestershire Archives: Expert support for R1 and R2 NLHF application inc. production of Activity Plan.

Qualifications

BA English and Art History University of Leeds
MA Higher Education University of Greenwich
Associate Member of Museums Association
Fellow Royal Society of Arts

Testimonials

‘Oxford House worked with CCN on our successful £2.9m round 2 application to HLF. The team were excellent and particularly the strength in depth and different skills. Their support and advice was always timely and considered. I was really pleased with the original thinking and analysis...’. John Ryan, CX, Oxford House

‘Working with CCN has been a pleasurable and energising experience. We wanted to work with our consultants and partners to draw up an innovative vision for our service, and to be both challenged and supported. CCN quickly gained a good grasp of our requirements and delivered beyond our expectations in a number of areas. We benefited from their flexibility and having members with different, but very relevant, skills and experience.’

Heather Forbes, Head of Archives Services, Gloucestershire Archives (HLF R2 activity, business planning, fundraising support)