

I caught up with Gary Thomas of Westway Trust to get the lowdown on governance at the intriguing, hidden world of Bay 20.

Gary what has been happening these last few months?

So much! Firstly, I would really like to thank the community for their patience; we have been speaking to them about the operation and governance of BAY 20, a process we value highly. Finally, we are in a position to move forward with agreed plans to establish the BAY 20 Steering Group.

So... Gary what is it you are looking for next?

We are now looking for expressions of interest from members of the community - to join the steering group to oversee the running of Bay 20. The group will work alongside a community operator (yet to be appointed) to ensure Bay 20 is a vibrant space delivering long-term benefit to the local community.

Does the Steering Group work alone?

Not at all, they will work with Westway Trust to oversee the process of selecting the community operator for BAY 20, ensuring that the community operator gives best value, and adheres to best practice.

Who can be a member?

Well... the steering group is open to residents and people working in North Kensington. The group will have 13 members:

Six Residents from North Kensington

Two Local Ward Councillors from St Helen's or Notting Dale Wards

Two Local Businesses from St Helen's or Notting Dale Wards

Two Community Group Representatives from North Kensington

One Independent Chair

Gary asked me to post a link to the webpage where you can complete the Expression of Interest form online or download a hard copy. You can also view a draft copy of the Terms of Reference for the Steering Group. The closing date for applications is 7th September 2018.

<http://www.westway.org/bay20>

If you would like to discuss the role of the steering group membership in more detail, please contact Gary Thomas – gary.thomas@westway.org or Marie Monaghan – marie.monaghan@westay.org or call 020 8962 5720.