

Matthew Bennett
(Resident)



Lived in Soho all my adult life and been a member of the Soho Society since its inception in 1974. Chaired its planning committee for many years commenting on all planning applications in Soho. In business I owned a Soho restaurant and also an environmental company. Involved in local issues e.g. secretary of early 70's Save Piccadilly Campaign, chaired governors of the local primary school, ditto Soho Housing Association, CAB liquor licensing project, through Soho Community Environment Fund (SCEF) facilitated many research studies on ways to make Soho more environmentally sustainable. I was a member of the West End Commission and now sit on the West End Partnership Board.

Michael Case
(Resident)



I am a Soho resident who works in the creative industries, and I believe I can bring a unique perspective in contributing to the future of our village community. I have lived in Soho for several years, having moved to London to study biochemistry, with a specialisation in neuroscience, at Imperial College London. In my professional life, I work as a senior strategist at a major advertising agency based in the West End, developing long-term, strategic plans for clients across the public and private sectors. My priority would be representing the residents of Soho and standing up for our diverse, mixed and vibrant community as well as supporting Soho's creative workforce and unique identity. I would hope to bring the voice of Soho's younger generation to the development of our neighbourhood plan at a time when becoming a part of our Soho community is an increasingly challenging aspiration to fulfil.

Mike Fauconnier-Bank
(Resident)



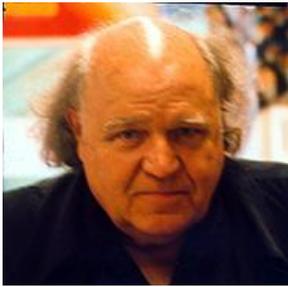
I am lucky enough to be one of the increasingly rare breeds that both live and work in Soho. As well as the short commute, running a small business here for the past few months has given me a fresh perspective on my favourite London neighbourhood. I feel this leaves me well placed to bring a balanced viewpoint to the Steering Group. I am keen to get stuck in to helping maintain and move forwards the unique aspects of Soho that make it such a strong magnet for the wonderfully diverse set of people who call it home or who come here to work and to play.

Lucy Haine
(Resident)



I am keen to stand for the SNF Steering group because I've lived in Soho for over 15 years on Peter Street, and I am passionate about this unique crazy neighbourhood. I've seen so many changes some good ie improved safety, some bad - I feel all the character of Soho is slipping away. I own a Bikini Brand, Kinky Octopus and manage Twitter, Instagram, Facebook & Pinterest Accounts so I can contribute to social media. By day I'm an Operations controller for Debenhams and can offer strong organisation and communication skills and I'm a tenacious negotiator. My husband also works in Soho operating his own business, Soho Flowers London.

**Leslie Hardcastle
(Resident)**



I have lived in Soho for nearly 50 years. I have worked in one of Soho's main industries (film) all my life. I ran the BFI South Bank, with responsibility for the National Film Theatres, London Film Festival, and Museum of the Moving Image, which I originated. I am a founder member of the Soho Society, and am now its Honorary President. I am also a founder member and shareholder and former Board member of the Soho Housing Association. I am a regular contributor to the Soho Clarion, which I created, and hold a deep interest in and concern for Soho's future. Soho is a place of constant change but now there are real dangers that the special character of this unique and creative village is in danger of oblivion. We need an appropriate plan for the future and I would like to contribute to that plan.

**Clare Lynch
(Resident)**



I have lived in Soho for 15 years on Old Compton Street and now Brewer Street with my husband and two sons. In my working life I am the Administrator for The Soho Society, a director of our family plumbing company and a freelance producer working with artists and fringe theatre. At the Soho Society I recently took on the role of co-editor of the Soho Clarion magazine and also became the host of the Soho Society Hour on Soho Radio every Wednesday. My children attend Soho Parish School where I used to chair the Parent Staff Association. Over the years I have been very involved in organising school and community events including Soho Food Feast, Silver Sunday, Soho Waiters Race / Village Fete and more besides. I am also a keen gardener.

**Andrew Murray
(Resident)**



I lead a small baptist church, had a long connection with Soho Parish School, and until recently ran Fair Share, the church's fair trade shop in Berwick Street. I've also contributed to various community groups. Soho has been my home for nearly 30 years. A lot has changed in that time, much for the better. But there are new threats to some of the things that really matter. For example, Soho isn't Soho without a mixed residential community that feels it belongs here. The Forum is an opportunity to ask all the people of Soho - residents, workers and business owners, as well as visitors who love the place - what they want. I hope we can make a real contribution to keeping Soho special.

**Ken White
(Resident)**



I have lived with my wife, Ann, at 15, St. James's Residences, Brewer Street, Soho, W1F 0RN since 1997. From 1990 till my retirement in 2003 I was a uniform police inspector at West End Central police station, Savile Row, covering Mayfair, St. James and Soho. At present I occupy some of my spare time as a board member of Soho Housing (Soho Housing Association), Chair of St James's Residences and Archer Street Chambers Resident's Association (69 flats), member of the Soho Steering Group, director of Safer London (a pan-London business crime reduction partnership that we started in Soho and are rolling out across the capital), member of Soho-Green (a small charity that is dedicated to making St Anne's Churchyard Gardens, Wardour St. a safer more beautiful public open space). I am keen to ensure that Soho evolves and regenerates in an organic, progressive fashion.

**Anna Boyle
(SME)**



I would like to stand as a candidate for this forum. I believe I understand practical and personal issues regarding working in the Berwick Street area. I have worked in Soho for 24 years, and seen a few changes, having seen my kids educated here and after running a business for 23 years (So High Soho). The rate of change and diverse needs of the future means this group needs to have a solid base, continuity. This will help with communicating to and from the community. I believe I understand these demands and hope I can assist. As a small business, we would like to see that the changes offered are brought to good conclusions. With a new development opposite, and Berwick Street market already challenged from the last year's commotions, it's essential these stages be attended to.

**Sandra Schembri
(SME)**



Sandra is the CEO at The House of St Barnabas (HoSB), (Chief Encouragement Officer, we use encouragement as St Barnabas is the Patron Saint of Encouragement) an organisation which works towards a fairer society, creating a future where lasting work is a reality for those affected by homelessness. Sandra has worked in Soho for over 11 years. Her role at HoSB has allowed her to work closely with WCC, the local community (residents and businesses) and amenity groups. She has also negotiated some large partnerships showing the power of collaboration. She has worked for some amazing organisations and people along the way (Bloomberg, The Royal Academy of Arts, Ronnie Scotts, Quintessentially Foundation) and on many occasions her role was to help "translate" what the not for profit world was saying to the corporate world and vice versa to help achieve both a common goal and create shared value.

**Robin Smith
(SME)**



I am passionate about Soho. I have invested 20 years of my life in Soho, running a collaborative creative business. My grandfather sharpened hospital knives in Soho from his motor-cycle side-car and his uncle was the famous tattooist, George Burchett Davis. I live and breathe Soho in all its grit and can-do. And have been through property and development issues and gone into litigation with then Landlord NCP for breaches of contract that led to my business's roof falling in. I am a member of the FSB and Entrepreneurs Organisation. I set up a CoWorking venue with community meeting rooms (SoHost) in August 2012, just before the blitz of Berwick Street and we pulled the businesses together to win Rates Relief. Independent business is the oxygen that drives innovation and has to have its say.

**Jessica Stewart
(SME)**



The Soho Neighbourhood Forum is a fantastic platform for engaging the local community and motivating positive change throughout Soho. I am enthusiastic about helping the residents and businesses of Soho work together to preserve and progress the things that make Soho special. I have been the managing director of a business on Berwick Street (Comm Comm UK) for the past 18 months. I believe the experience and skills I have gained from my 18 years in business will support the development of a strong and credible Neighbourhood Plan. I am keen to focus on the Forum's productivity, efficiency and effectiveness. I, like many others, love Soho and would relish the opportunity to be part of a Steering Group that will help take our community from strength to strength.

Joe Chambers
(larger business)



I have been the Chief Executive of Soho Housing for more than 5 years. I am deeply committed to the residents and the community of Soho. I ensure that our team and board are properly engaged with the community and work very hard to deliver new affordable homes here and preserve existing affordable homes in Soho. In a broader sense we support through the original purpose of Soho Housing which is to support and sustain communities in central London villages. Our mission statement sets out “Local Social Housing - To provide and protect social and discounted homes in our central London communities for families and others with a local connection”

John James
(land holding interest)



I have worked in Soho since 1986 when I joined The Paul Raymond Organisation. I am now Managing Director of Soho Estates which is a large property owner in Soho. Soho Estates is committed to helping and improving the Soho we all know and love. I am also a Director of the Heart of London Business Alliance, and the Safer London Business Partnership which started out as Safer Soho. I am a panel member of the Soho Action Plan Steering Group and Soho Safer Neighbourhood Panel. As a Soho based company we have focused our attention on the community in which we operate and have supported local events, festivals, and public realm works. I recognise the unique nature of Soho and strive to retain it.

Rob Kirk
(land holding interest)



I am a chartered surveyor and have worked in Soho for the past 15 years. I have worked for Shaftesbury for over 11 years whose ownership started in 1986 and covers approximately 14 acres of the West End, with a large concentration within Soho. We are long term owners, who are committed to work with the local communities to provide long term and sustainable communities. I am a member of the Westminster Property Owners Association and sit on various committees within Soho and the property sector across many different fields which benefit the forum including Better Buildings Partnership, Wild West End, Safer West End, Soho Steering Group and Soho Safer Neighbourhood. I am also a mentor at The House of St Barnabas working with the homeless.

Jace Tyrrell
(BID)



Jace is the Deputy Chief Executive of New West End Company, the management and promotional company for Bond Street, Oxford Street and Regent Street. He leads the representation locally and globally of 600 businesses across retail and real estate in London’s West End with an annual turnover of £8.8bn. Heading up a team delivering the corporate, consumer and public policy campaigns for the business he is setting up one of the first property owner funded Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) in the UK. He is a company spokesperson and member of the Board. Previously, Jace was Executive Director of the City and Westminster Property Associations, representing the commercial real estate industry in Central London. A graduate in journalism and business management, Jace specialises in property communications, destination marketing and public affairs. Jace lived in Brewer Street in Soho for 10 years and worked on a number of community fundraising initiatives for Soho Parish School. He is passionate about neighbourhood planning with a keen interest in retail and real estate.

Jamie Poulton
(co-opted)



I opened Randall & Aubin the restaurant in 1996 and have been trading successfully from 16 Brewer Street for the past 19 years. My family have been involved with Soho for the past 30 years both as landlords but also as retailers and so I have experience and understanding of both.

I am a member of the Soho Society and the Sustainable Restaurant Association.

I love Soho and its history and have watched the area change and develop over the past 20 years. Situated in the very centre of one of the major capital cities in the world, Soho has a unique blend of residential, business and historical interests all of which need to be carefully managed to ensure the continued success and vibrancy of the area.

Joan Moynihan
(co-opted)



I am the Executive Director of Nimax Theatres which owns and operates 6 West End theatres including the Apollo and Lyric on Shaftesbury Avenue and the Palace at Cambridge Circus. In 2012, our property partners Derwent London obtained planning permission for our new theatre to be built at the top of Charing Cross Road. I have been at Nimax since it was established in 2005 and before that I was Executive Director of The Old Vic.

As part of my remit at Nimax I am responsible for our relationship with property owners who are developing sites neighbouring our theatres, ensuring that our operational interests can be protected while still supporting schemes that will benefit the local area. I am also responsible for ensuring we have a good working relationship with WCC which is the licensing Council for all our theatres. Nimax's business is based in and around Soho and theatre contributes significantly both culturally and financially. In 2014 just under 15,000,000 people attended London theatre.

I have lived and worked in central London all my adult life and I believe that both professionally and personally I could make a valuable contribution to the Forum.