



Project Profile

Oxford House, Bethnal Green

Oxford House is a University Settlement that was established by Keble College in Bethnal Green in 1884. Today it operates as an Arts and Community Centre for the local community, as well as providing office accommodation for social enterprises. Its prominent context today, overlooking Weaver's Fields, is very different to when it was originally constructed amidst weavers housing.

Malcolm Fryer Architects worked with the trustees and a business planner on a pro bono basis to develop ideas to support and Heritage Lottery Fund Stage 1 application. Proposals included providing an enhanced visitor heritage experience which included the magnificent chapel within the roof and the reinstatement of the witches Walk on the rooftop, overlooking the city. A new Cafe was proposed on the ground floor to capitalise upon the prominent frontage to the fields and a newly pedestrianised forecourt. Extensive essential repairs are also proposed.

The Stage 1 application was made to the Heritage Lottery Fund in June 2014.

