



**Marsden
Slaithwaite
Renaissance
Programme
2008 Elections**

AGM and Election Protocol

The Renaissance Steering Group invites residents or individuals working in either Marsden or Slaithwaite to its forthcoming Annual General Meeting on Saturday 22nd November at Slaithwaite Community Centre at 2.45 pm.

A report will be presented on the main successes and challenges of 2007/8 and the immediate plans for the coming year. More importantly, this is an open meeting providing you with the opportunity of asking the steering group any questions and a being a part of the vision for the future of these two valleys.

How do I stand for election?

This is your notice of election. If you want to be a candidate, you must complete and return a nominations form by Sunday 16th November.

There are 14 seats up for election on the steering group several of which were vacant last year.

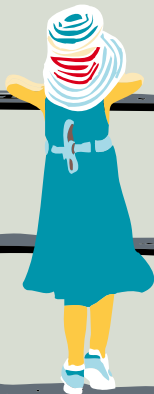
Criteria:

You must live or work in Marsden or Slaithwaite.

You must have attended 2 previous renaissance events.

You need to complete a nominations form and election statement.

You must attend the AGM on 22nd November 2008.



Job Descriptions

Members of the Steering Group must live or work in Marsden or Slaithwaite and wish to represent the two communities and work to develop them to their fullest potential. Steering group members will promote the Renaissance Programme aims and objectives, carrying out their duties in accordance with the Governing Terms of Reference Document. Specific positions are available, as detailed below.

Project Champion – Project 1 Environmental Business Generator

Project Champion – Project 2 National Centre for Environmental Construction Skills

Project Champion – Project 3 Marsden Mixed Use Development Framework

Project Champion – Project 4 & 5 Village Centre Improvements – Marsden & Slaithwaite

Project Champion – Projects 6 & 7 West & East Central Slaithwaite Development Framework

Project Champion – Project 8 Local Housing Strategy

Project Champion – Project 9 Slaithwaite Spa

Project Champion – Project 10 Active Valley Initiative

Project Champion – Project 11 Landscape Management Strategy

Project Champion – Project 12 Colne Valley Young People's Consortium

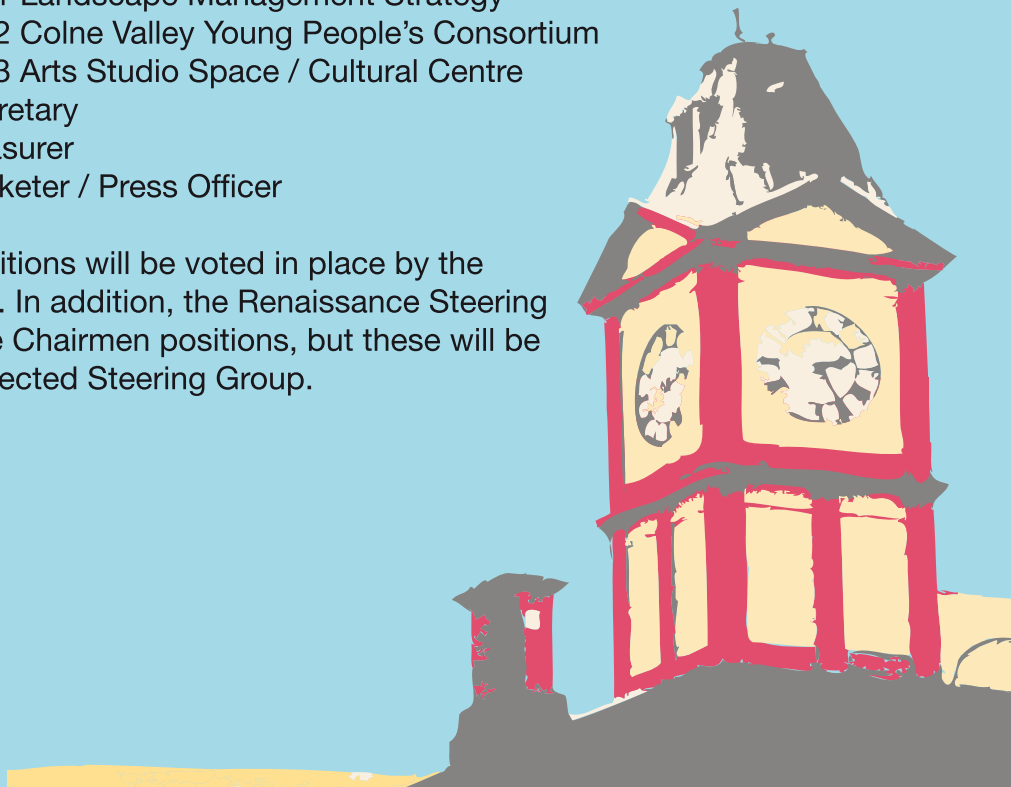
Project Champion – Project 13 Arts Studio Space / Cultural Centre

Renaissance Programme Secretary

Renaissance Programme Treasurer

Renaissance Programme Marketer / Press Officer

Individual Steering Group positions will be voted in place by the newly elected Steering Group. In addition, the Renaissance Steering Group has Chairman and Vice Chairmen positions, but these will be voted in place by the newly elected Steering Group.



Nomination Paper

The nomination paper must be completed with your full name and address and declaration of interest. Nominations must be returned to Lisa Mew by e-mail to lisa@irbaby.com or by post to 39 Stockerhead Lane, Slaithwaite, Huddersfield HD7 5LB by Sunday 16th November.

Details of candidates will be published at the public event at Slaithwaite Community Centre on 22nd November for voting at the AGM after the Renaissance Action Day.

Method of Election

All those people eligible to stand that have submitted a nominations form will be listed on a ballot paper and their details displayed on the wall at the public event on Saturday 22nd November. If there are enough vacancies for the standing candidates, the returning officer will declare them elected. If the number of candidates exceeds the number of vacancies, a secret ballot will be held. In the event of a ballot, voting slips will be issued to eligible voters and votes cast. The simple majority system of voting will be deployed to determine the vote. A returning officer will officiate at the AGM.

Dates	Election stages
20th October	Nomination forms distributed. Nomination process open.
16th November	Nominations close.
22nd November	Ballot takes place at AGM, at 2.45 pm at Slaithwaite Community Centre. Nominees informed of the election result.
11th December	Next steering Group meeting takes place, ACORP Offices, Slaithwaite.



Marsden Slaithwaite Renaissance Programme 2008 Elections - Nomination form

Personal details:

Name _____

Address _____

_____ Postcode _____

Telephone _____ e-mail _____

These are the reasons I wish to be elected to the Renaissance Steering Group:
(skills, achievements, interests etc in no more than 100 words)
