



The Lord Mayor's Office
Civic Hall
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Dear Councillors
Leeds Award

On behalf of Leeds Civic Trust and myself as a volunteer, I should like to nominate Dr Kevin Grady for a Leeds Award, with particular regard for his contribution to the heritage and regeneration aspects of the city.

Over almost 30 years as Director of Leeds Civic Trust, Kevin has demonstrated his determination to incorporate Leeds' heritage into regenerated areas and new developments alike as a way of showing Leeds' distinctiveness. He has educated us not only with 'what was there before', but also into seeing the possibilities of incorporating some of that history, eg in KPMG's new building in Sovereign Street, he gave a talk to the Directors about the history/context of the site, and sourced photographs which have been incorporated into their design. Pictures and quotes from his co-authored publication 'The Illustrated History of Leeds' are seen on boards of historical information in various places, eg Leeds Town Hall and along the river front.

The nomination refers to several areas where Kevin's intervention has been crucial to regeneration:

The waterfront, the south side of Boar Lane, lobbying for an arena, Holbeck, Temple Mill, First White Cloth Hall. Of course, not every suggestion met with approval, but I hope you agree that he has always had the interests of the city at heart.

As a volunteer, I have worked alongside Kevin Grady for 20 years, having attended one of his 'History of Leeds' evening courses. He has always been keen to share his extensive knowledge, and recognises that, so often, people are fascinated to learn about the places in which they live and work. It's through him, that the success of the 'Leeds in Your Lunch-hour' talks, the themed Supper Walks and the Blue Plaques scheme has grown.

Kevin is well-liked and respected by the Trust's volunteers, who I know would be delighted for him to receive this Award. I hope you agree that he deserves it!

Yours sincerely

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