

**The Light House Prayer Barge - Volunteer role description – Barge managers/caretakers.
Time requirement – a few hours each month
Upper Reaches, CIO registered number 1157094**

The beautiful Light House Prayer barge provides a Christian space for retreat, reflection and connection for those working in the heart of Bristol's leading business district, Temple Quay. It is owned by a registered charity, Upper Reaches. It was built for us in 2016/17, cost £108,000 and was delivered by low loader lorry on 30 March 2017. It was towed into its current mooring on the same day. It is moored in Temple Quay in front of Friska by the Valentine pedestrian bridge.

The Light House is a steel hulled 60 foot wide beam barge. It doesn't have an engine, but has a generator, battery bank and a diesel webasto calorifier that heats the radiators. It also has a wood burning stove suitable for low smoke areas and compliant with new environmental standards. We are hoping to add solar panels to improve our environmental credentials. We have a remote control system for the radiators that is controlled by mobile phone and can be programmed.

We are looking for someone (or it could be more than one person) who'd really enjoy taking responsibility for the overall care of the boat and managing the regular maintenance needs.

We'd love it if you shared our desire to follow Jesus and join in with our small community, but that isn't an absolute requirement. We are a young charity so the role is currently unpaid. Sadly our current manager is leaving Bristol. Our experience shows that visiting once every few weeks has been enough to keep the barge in order. But much will depend on how you like to work. Some of the tasks once set up will only require occasional attention. So, once you have got us into shape with good systems it might only take a few hours each month.

You don't have to do all the tasks. You would work with our two executive trustees, Victor Tettmar and Colette Bewley and other volunteers. We need someone or two people to hold it all together and make sure we are getting everything done and keeping the ship safely afloat! We think we will need to shape the roll with your help. You don't need to have experience of boats – we didn't but have managed to work out what to do and it isn't complicated. At present we think the following work needs to be managed.

Practical tasks

- Arranging regular services of equipment as needed (we have relationships with organisations for all of our equipment).
- We have managed to find someone who we pay to clean the exterior of the barge every two months. It was hard to find someone for this job but he does an excellent job and he will continue to do this.
- Managing stores of wood, kindling, fire lighters, stove cleaning chemicals, water, diesel and other disposable items and letting us know when we need to replenish them.
- Clean and manage stove, prepare instructions for best use

- Bleed radiators and periodic top up of radiator system
- Keep the usage instructions up to date.
- Checking all systems regularly and preparing for winter as needed.

Systems

- Maintaining a rolling calendar of key dates for renewal of boat safety certificates and time out of the water (due in 2021) and lead on co-ordinating and managing those.
- Preparing and managing an annual budget of the costs of running the barge and estimated costs of times out of the water.
- Maintaining and updating a health and safety risk assessment (we already have one in place in just needs regular review).
- Completing monthly boat checks (we already have a list that can be updated) this includes checking and monitoring mooring lines.
- Arranging for regular fire extinguisher inspection and electrical safety inspections.
- Maintaining the folder of instructions manuals for the equipment on the boat and list of passwords for wifi and other equipment.
- Programming heating for the week ahead.

If you are interested please reply to Colette@upperreaches.org.uk

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