

The Future of the Pierian Centre

After 9½ years of serving the community of Bristol, we have acquired a reach across the city which is enviable and unique. The multi-dimensional mix of people that we bring together at our astonishing events and the inclusive practice demonstrated daily here at the Pierian Centre in Portland Square is extraordinary and has huge value – but the equation between money, energy and output no longer balances.



In spite of such a successful year we have been over-committed & under-resourced, and in our present form we're losing over £5,000 a month. To achieve last year's amazing successes, the team here were over-stretched, and we picked up a shortfall of £50,000. We did this more than willingly, and the results of the year speak for themselves – but the pot has now run dry. So with real pride in our achievements, we will sail the Good Ship Pierian on her last voyage back into harbour this December. It has been the most extraordinary adventure – and there'll be much that we'll miss – but everything has its season. We have developed a team with an amazing skill set, a deep knowledge base and a reach across Bristol which allowed us to connect with a really diverse mix of communities. So if anyone out there is in need of those attributes do contact us!

I'm confident that the Pierian Centre will live on in people's hearts, and optimistic that this decision will produce a completely new direction not only in mine, but in everyone's lives.

So instead of a wake, we invite you to a celebratory Open House on Tuesday 6th December, 10.30am – 10.30pm! We would love to see you here to acknowledge your part in the long & exciting journey we've taken together.

It feels really important to send out this news with love, respect and great appreciation for the support and encouragement that you have all given to the Pierian Centre and its contribution to Bristol. We very much hope to see you on December 6th!

With thanks,

June Burrough Founder Director