

Transcript – Caroline Naisbitt

Hello. I am Caroline Naisbitt. I am the Chair of Charity Trustees for Worcestershire Heritage, Art and Museums or WHAM for short, much to the delight of our supporters who are George Michael fans.

I became a Trustee as I am a great fan of the Founder – Professor Rolf Olsen, and wanted to help him to achieve his original vision in supporting Museums Worcestershire in opening a new gallery in honour of his wife, Shirley. As a couple they loved art, particularly impressionism, and visited galleries all over the world. Rolf sadly passed away in 2022 and it is my job to bring his vision to fruition.

The Board of Trustees bring a wealth of experience and expertise from all walks of life. It is important to stress that the charity is a very different entity and stands alone working alongside Museums Worcestershire in helping them to achieve their short and long term aims and objectives. This enables us to work efficiently with a whole range of supporters to maximise the potential of the Museums. We have been working closely with the team at the Museum and Art Gallery who have created a state-of-the-art space that not only tells the story of British Impressionism, but evokes the beauty of Worcestershire throughout. The opening of the gallery will be Autumn 2026.