



BARBARA QUARLESS

Barbara is the professional behind Octavius' 8 years of successfully delivering community project management and research studies.

She is currently underpinning her service offer by developing her skills and understanding of data insight and research data management. Data transforms the way we live and work, so it's becoming increasingly important that organisations can draw on different perspectives to visualise and predict outcomes.

One of Barbara's current projects is the development of a database for looking at the contributions of volunteer hours in social enterprises and how larger organisations can use it to visualise and predict social impact

Some of her work have included:

- Set up of the Women led Hub for OLDP www.quaysidetower.com
- The project management and delivery of Birmingham Big Hoot, Soho Ward 2015
- 'A foundation on which to lay the concept of resident participation (Quarless, 2014), used by Soho First to register a community development Trust
- 'Encouraging young Caribbean men to complete apprenticeships in housing organisations' (Quarless, 2012) published in the Guardian

- 'Interest in a Birmingham recycling network' (Clarke and Quarless 2016), sponsored by WRAP and development of www.birminghamrecyclingnetwork.co.uk
- 'Re-using solar cells (Quarless,2018) sponsored by ISE

Barbara has over 37 years' experience working at grass roots in the inner cities of England, from Housing management trainee to Director and CEO. She has an MA in housing and Fellowship of the institute of housing.

Barbara has a particular interest in the sustainability and development of local enterprises in the context of adding social value to disadvantaged communities and groups.

Barbara loves learning new skills, she has intermediary French having lived there for several years, has recently undertaken a course in electrical installation and is now enhancing her research skills by undertaking short post graduate courses in data analysis, data science and software solutions

Barbara is the chair of OLDIP, a Charitable incorporated organisation working with women and girls to encourage them into careers in the built environment
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