

Blyth Town Board

Board Member Pen Portrait



Matthew (Mags) Margetts

Director EDable Architecture Ltd

Director PLYable Design Ltd

Director Kings Head Partnership

Director rePUBLIC Gallery CIC

Senior Lecturer Newcastle University

Small Business Representative

I am a proud resident of Blyth and help run a number of small businesses spanning multiple sectors from the Kings Head – an important part of Blyth's historic fabric. These businesses cover professional services, design, manufacturing, entertainment, arts and culture. I am also a part-time senior lecturer in Architecture at Newcastle University, which gives me a foot in the education sector. My background is essentially in architecture, having graduated from Newcastle University. Practice interests include working collaboratively in conservation, sustainability and creative re-use with projects at a variety of scales from domestic to commercial and masterplanning.

All of my businesses are value led, with a focus on people, participation, empathy and care. We want people to enjoy working with us, enjoy experiencing our projects and enjoy spending time in the Kings Head / rePUBLIC Gallery. We are keen to promote good design and encourage participation in the arts and design processes that affect where we live, work and play. I am also proud to be part of the Blyth Culture Network.

I hope in my role I can represent the interests and concerns of small businesses from a variety of sectors, whilst also championing the value of art and participatory design processes.