Digital Collections Interpretation Assistant

Role Description

More Information

The Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust collections, which have been Designated by Arts Council England for their outstanding importance, are cared for by the Trust’s Collections Team and are displayed across its ten public museums.

The Collections Team would like to improve access to the Trust’s collections and their fascinating stories by improving its digital offer and are looking to recruit a volunteer to help support this important work. The initial scope of this role is to interpret 60 objects from our collections for our digital audiences via our ‘Discover’ pages. The role could also include researching and writing blog posts based on our collections and supporting the development of online exhibitions. This work will be supported by the Interpretation Curator.

In addition to the desired skills listed above, it would also be preferable for volunteers to have some knowledge of our sites and collections or a willingness to learn about them and to have access to a vehicle, as the role may require travelling between our museum sites.

If you are interested, please contact volunteering@ironbridge.org.uk for more details.

Desired Qualifications/Skills

* Good ICT skills
* Ability to work independently and experience in carrying out research to a high standard.
* Good writing skills and an ability to write in an engaging way.

Location

The role will be based in the Library and Archive at Coalbrookdale but may involve visiting our other sites if required. Some work can be carried out remotely if necessary.

Training

All volunteers will be offered an induction to the site they are based at and training from a member of the Collections team about the collections and methods of researching them.

Expected Commitment

One day a week until the ‘Discover’ project is completed. It is expected that this project will take 4-6 months**.**

Main Tasks

The volunteer will be expected to:

* Help select 60 objects from the Trust’s collections and research and interpret these objects for a digital audience, with the support of the Interpretation Curator.
* Photograph these objects to a standard that is acceptable for display on our website. Equipment and training will be provided for this task.

Role Summary

To help improve the accessibility of the Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust’s collections by supporting the development of our digitally accessible collections. The initial scope of this role is to interpret 60 objects from our collections for our digital audiences via the ‘Discover’ pages on the Trust’s website.

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