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DISPLAY WRITING VOLUNTER (GAS MUSEUM, LEICESTER)

The National Gas Museum is a little museum with a big collection. It holds the national object collection of the UK gas industry. This tells the story of gas from 1812 to the present. Gas made from coal started as the brightest light of the 19th century. Now, natural gas is an essential part of our energy mix. Gas heats most UK homes and generates up to 40% of our electricity.

The collection includes a fabulous selection of nostalgic cookers, heaters and gas lights, as well as gas engines, gas fridges and even a gas hair-dryer.

The museum has been closed for some months for refurbishment after the retirement of the previous curator. We are now beginning the task of getting the museum up and running again. There are rich opportunities for volunteers to play really valuable and significant roles to get the museum open again.

Role details

This opportunity is ideal for a practical person who wants to make a big difference in a small museum. You'll need a love of writing, enthusiasm for research, and a hands-on self-motivated working style. An interest in technology is good, too.

Your main task, overseen by the Curator, will be to help look after and restore the text of our displays. You will need to undertake research, write punchy and interesting labels, and prepare supporting resources for all ages around exhibits.

Because the museum is small, you might occasionally undertake other museum duties such as welcoming visitors, re-ordering storage areas, and cataloguing, as well as cleaning objects and helping to look after the stores.

Duties

- Agree objectives with Curator
- Research and write object labels
- Choose and scan images for labels as needed
- Design and print temporary labels
- Prepare associated materials such as info sheets and children's info sheets or quizzes, if interested.
- Propose and deliver creative ideas of your own to improve the museum from time to time if desired and agreed with the Curator.

You will need:

- The ability to write clear, simple and engaging text (show us what you've done so far)
- A creative and ideas-rich approach to museum text
- The ability to write a clear, engaging 100 word label
- A practical, independent working style
- An understanding of the museum's limitations that does not stop you finding interesting display solutions
- Ability to work in a very small team
- Good spoken English language skills
- Superb English language writing skills (we will ask for at least two samples of your written work will be requested for this role)
- A laptop
- Determination, enthusiasm, good inter-personal skills and tact

Work location

195 Aylestone Rd, Leicester, LE2 7QH – the brick building with the clock tower.

Hours of work

Hours are flexible but you need to be able to commit to a regular time of at least 2 hours once each week. Work days could be on either on a Wednesday, Thursday or a Friday to suit you.

Clothing

Smart casual

To find out more

For an informal discussion about this role, email your phone number, CV and a photo to the curator John Beckerson at nationalgasmuseum@gmail.com and you'll get a call back as we are waiting for a new phone line.