



## The National Gas Museum Trust

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### DIGITAL VOLUNTEER, 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 its earliest days 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, heating nearly every home and generating up to 40% of our electricity.

As well as a large library of specialist books and magazines, 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 plenty of opportunities for volunteers to play valued and significant roles.

#### Role details

This opportunity is ideal for a practical person with a love of data, digital communication and social media with a hands-on self-motivated yet responsible and careful working style. Overseen by the Curator, you will be responsible for helping to generate social media output regarding the collection, sharing updates that engage and intrigue people about our collection and the stories it can tell. You will also digitise historic and legacy media assets ranging from old photos to the museum's VHS video library and will store and catalogue it on our database, adding appropriate metadata.

#### Deliverables

- Generate social media output firmly grounded in the museum's collections.
- Digitise existing multimedia gallery assets.
- Help to keep existing media systems working (eg audio players, screens)

#### You will need:

- Fluency in social media
- Interest in/experience of databases

- A careful and responsible approach to digital asset generation and use
- A laptop
- Ability to use or quickly learn how to use standalone media players
- A practical, independent working style
- To accept you will get dirty and dusty sometimes
- Interest in old and new technology
- Ability to work in a very small team
- Good spoken English language skills
- Samples of your work to show us your skills

**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 each week. Work days could be on either on a Wednesday, Thursday or a Friday to suit you.

**Clothing**

Normally smart casual, occasionally clothes suited to dusty areas will be needed.

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