



## The National Gas Museum Trust

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### DISPLAY 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.

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 to get the museum open again.

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.

#### Role details

This opportunity is ideal for a practical person with a love of making things, doing DIY, especially woodwork and/or plumbing, and good all-round handicraft skills. Overseen by the Curator, you will be responsible for helping to return the displays to good order by making plinths and object mountings using your ingenuity and technical skill. If you are qualified to work on gas then this is very welcome, but it is not essential.

#### Deliverables

- Make plinths and mounts for objects
- Care for objects in a practical way
- Help to arrange displays and make them look good

#### You will need:

- Woodworking skills
- Painting skills

- A good tool set of your own
- A practical, independent working style
- Ability to work in a very small team
- Spoken English language skills
- Proven DIY or craft skills (we'd like to see photos of your work)
- The physical ability to move cookers and similar objects with assistance as needed from the Curator
- A car would be helpful to move materials and your tools.

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

**Clothing**

Clothing suitable for DIY style construction work or work in unheated storage areas will be needed.