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## **SCHOOLS AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S 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 person who likes to help schoolchildren and/or groups of young people such as Cubs or Brownies have a great museum visit where fun and learning come together.

You will play a key part in re-starting the work of the museum with young visitors, and will work alongside the Curator to help the museum to generate visitor resources in line with the needs of the National Curriculum and for informal visits by groups or families.

### **Deliverables**

- Create materials for teachers to support museum visits for appropriate Key Stage groups
- Invite groups to the museum and lead their visit yourself
- Create fun resources to help families with children enjoy a visit to the museum
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### **You will need:**

- Interest in how people can engage with vintage technology in surprising and enjoyable ways
- The determination to bring in groups to experience your work
- Ability to work in a very small team
- Knowledge of the UK education system, especially National Curriculum
- Good written and spoken English
- A warm and engaging personality when welcoming visitors
- Willingness to undergo Vetting and Barring checks or an existing transferrable certificate.

### **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 during school holidays. Work days could be on either on a Wednesday, Thursday or a Friday to suit you. Tours and family activities will be given during school holidays so your role will be busy at those times.

### **Clothing**

Appropriate clothing suited to meeting and guiding young visitors.

### **To find out more or to apply**

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.