Leicester Museums and Galleries Development Trust

Trustee pack

Leicester Museums and Galleries Development Trust is a charity dedicated to promoting and growing the work and collections of the Leicester Museums. We support the fulltime members of Leicester's Arts and Museums Service to put on exciting education, events and exhibition programmes and acquire inspiring objects and exhibits for the people of Leicester to enjoy.

For almost 100 years, the Trust has supported the purchase of a wide range of objects, including the Egyptian statue of Sethmose and Isisnofret from the Thomas Cook archives and the painting of William Wollaston and his family in a grand interior by William Hogarth, and financially contributed to the development of new galleries and exhibitions.

Set up in 1930 and previously known as the City of Leicester Museums' Trust, our funding comes from public donations, private donations, bequests, and financial support from cultural organisations such as Arts Council England, the V&A, and the Art Fund. With major developments in progress it is an exciting time to join our board of trustees and get involved in the future of Leicester Museums and Galleries.

Who can become a trustee?

The Trust is a registered charity and regulated by the Charity Commission. There are a maximum of six Trustees and each Trustee serves a 4 year term of office.

Trustees are individuals who through residence, occupation, employment or otherwise are able to make a contribution to the purpose or management of the Trust. It is a voluntary role, and our Trustees receive no remuneration or expenses.

We currently have three vacancies due to recent trustee retirements. We are committed to becoming more reflective of Leicester's communities, and warmly invite individuals from all backgrounds to apply. If you have an interest in museums and galleries and a passion for the city of Leicester's vibrant and rich multicultural heritage, we encourage you to consider this unique opportunity.

What will it involve?

We hold approximately six meetings per year. Recently these have been online. Occasionally Trustees may need to be available at short notice to discuss urgent proposals. Trustees must also be interested in dedicating time to support fundraising and promotional activities.

Responsibilities of a trustee:

- Making sure that the Trust is run in accordance with the Charity Commission Scheme.
- Making sure the Trust's funds are properly managed and the maximum benefit is derived from them.
- Supporting fundraising activities for the Trust.
- Considering formal financial proposals for events, exhibitions and educational programmes
- Making sure that appropriate purchases are made in line with the Leicester Museums and Galleries' collection policies and acquired in a proper manner.

Desirable skills, experience, and abilities:

- An interest in Museums and Galleries and cultural activities related to Leicester.
- Relevant experience in e.g. fundraising, finance, marketing, arts, museums, heritage.
- A practical, business-like approach.
- A commitment to reflecting Leicester's cultural diversity in the work of the Trust.
- A willingness to work within local government frameworks.

What's in it for me?

- Be involved with Leicester's Museums and Galleries and its collections and gain a unique insight into the behind the scenes operation of museum staff, sites and collections.
- Receive invitations to exhibition private views, launches and events.
- Become an advocate for the city's museums and galleries and put your skills and experience to the benefit of the people of Leicester.

How to apply

If you are interested in being considered for the role of Trustee, please send your CV to Will Gilding, Chair of the COLMT, along with a covering letter setting out why you think you would be suitable and what skills and experience you would bring to the role. Shortlisted candidates will be invited an online interview.

Please send your application by email FAO Will Gilding, to: Arran.Bladen@leicester.gov.uk

Closing date: Friday 10 June 2022