

Job Description

Engagement Curator, The Showroom

Full-time, five days/week, three-year fixed term

Salary £30,000

Reporting to the Director

Working as part of our small team and directly with the Curator and Gallery Manager.

The Showroom is seeking an Engagement Curator to create a vision for long-lasting community relations, collaborate with artists to create programmes, and make contemporary artists' work accessible to a wider audience.

Purpose of the Role

The Engagement Curator designs and leads an innovative and impactful engagement programme to encourage the attendance and participation of our diverse local demographic. This specific position is funded by the Paul Hamlyn Foundation but is part of a broader 3-year strategy vision, *RESTORE*, that encompasses projects led by artists, focusing on environmental questions, health and wellbeing, and tackling knowledge loss to promote positive change within our local community. Through profound engagement, these visionary, collaborative projects will seek to welcome marginalised voices and bring new perspectives to the exhibition programme. We invite applications from people with passionate interest in international contemporary art practice and its application in educational settings and local communities.

Key Duties

- Reporting to the Director, the Engagement Curator will envision and deliver the engagement programme over the next three years.
- A significant part of the role will be planning and implementing The Showroom Annual Mural Commission in collaboration with the designated artist and local community groups.
- Responsible for initiating and managing new strands to the programme encompassing clusters of activity, such as training in arts practice for young people, offering an alternative art school experience outside of formal education.
- In addition to offering hands-on activities and experiences within the exhibition spaces, the engagement programme takes full advantage of our extensive library and archive by developing activities that activate them, such as reading groups, special presentations, and facilitating research-based projects.

General Duties

- To create and maintain supportive, respectful and sustainable working conditions internally as part of the core team, founded on principles of interdependence.
- Together with the Gallery Manager recruit, brief and support the management of any Engagement-related temporary staff and freelancers.
- To comply with The Showroom's agreed policies and procedures.
- To undertake any other duties as may be reasonably required.
- The Showroom team is small and collegiate; all employees are required to undertake organisation-wide tasks to ensure the smooth and sustainable delivery of activity at The Showroom, including sharing general workspace housekeeping tasks.

Person Specification

We will be using the following criteria to assess applications to this role. We do not expect that all the criteria are essential at the point of application, but we do think that any missing skills or experience listed below will need to be developed and maintained once in post. If you are in any doubt about how far you meet the criteria, please do consider applying anyway – we are keen to consider as many applications from as diverse a group of applicants as possible.

- A thoughtful, sensitive and highly proficient programme developer and lead.
- A passionate interest in contemporary art practice and its application in educational settings and local communities.
- A deep understanding of our local community in the Church street Ward, or similar experience.
- Confident with the range of responsibilities, which span working face-to-face with participants and audiences, selecting and supporting artists, building relationships with stakeholders and partner organisations, undertaking self-led research to shape proposals, and managing communications, operational logistics, and project budgets from start to finish.
- A solid understanding of current equality, diversity and inclusion values and a commitment to The Showroom principles.

As a core member of our small yet dedicated team, the Engagement Curator will report to the Director and work closely with the Curator and Gallery Manager.

This job description is a guide to the nature of the work required of the Engagement Curator. It cannot capture every kind of activity needed to undertake the core and general duties of the role, which may change and adapt according to internal and external factors. This document may be updated from time to time and does not form part of the contract of employment.

How apply

- Please send your CV with a covering letter and Equal Opportunities form to recruitment@theshowroom.org
- Application deadline 12 noon Monday 8 April 2024
- Due to limited capacity we are unable to respond to candidates who have not been selected for interview.