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**St Bartholomew's
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Heritage and Health Interpretation Research Associate

Job Description



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Background

Barts Heritage is a charity formed in partnership with [Barts Health NHS Trust](#) to repair and renovate the Grade I listed North Wing and Henry VIII Gatehouse at St Bartholomew's Hospital in the City of London. The North Wing houses two of England's most important interiors, the Great Hall, and the Hogarth Stair with its massive paintings by William Hogarth, together with the historic Hospital archives and an extensive collection of art. These interiors and collections represent the historic heart of the Hospital and reflect 900 years of history.

Barts Heritage was awarded a NLHF grant of £4.9 million in December 22. This grant combined with a comprehensive fundraising campaign has raised the project budget of £9.2 million.

The project will see the restoration of the North Wing building including a fully repaired and renovated roof and exterior stone work along with the conservation of the Great Hall and Hogarth Stair.

As part of our NLHF funding a detailed activity and interpretation plan has been developed to draw both the hospital and local community into the heritage of the building with the aim of combining the heritage and wellbeing activity. This is a ground breaking concept for NLHF and this activity program will be integral to the success of our overall project and meeting our objectives.

Purpose of the job

Working closely with the Barts Heritage Team, you will bring additional capacity to project delivery through research work in close collaboration with Barts Health Museums and Archives and other collections sources. Your research will support sourcing material for the site wide interpretation scheme and wider public engagement activities.

Main duties

- Working proactively alongside the Barts Heritage, Barts Museums and Archive team and interpretation consultant on research to inform the interpretation and wider heritage and health engagement activity programme development.
- Working closely with Barts Museums and Archive and other collections sources to support sourcing material for the site-wide interpretation scheme.
- Consolidating the collection and archive review which took place in the project development phase to identify and aggregate material highlights from the collections which are visually rich and or content rich and which may be of potential interest to target audience groups and can be used.
- Working alongside project team to identify specific material for use in physical and digital interpretation, resources, public events and workshop activities.

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- Being an audience advocate internally and ensure that multiple voices and perspectives are incorporated into permanent and temporary interpretation where appropriate.
- Working with colleagues and designers internally and externally to develop interpretative material suitable for displays and exhibitions.
- Feeding into discussions around language and presentation of collections both physically and digitally to make collections engaging and accessible to a broad range of people.
- Work closely with the NLHF project team to ensure project vision is achieved.
- Support project evaluation as required.

Program

Restoration and conservation of the building	November 23-April 25
Specialist conservation of the Great Hall and Hogarth Stair	March 24-January 25
Public Guided tours	June 24-December 24
Post Conservation Activity Program	April 25-August 26
Project Completion	August 26

Person Specification

Qualifications, Knowledge and Experience

- Educated to degree level (or equivalent experience) with experience of working in an archive, heritage, museum or cultural setting.
- Knowledge of archive and museum collections research processes and database use.
- Understanding or experience of developing and delivering research work which feeds into interpretative schemes.
- Track record of working on research projects delivering interpretative outputs through signage and installations, events and participatory activity and digital content.

Skills and Attributes

- Understanding and experience of interpretative research processes.
- Experience of research with archive and museum collections and databases.
- Adept at recognising and identifying appealing and relevant stories for audiences throughout the research process helping direct areas of focus for research.

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- Specific knowledge and interest in 18th century history and/or architecture would be desirable.
- Interest in community histories and representation of diverse narratives in museums and galleries.
- Ability to manage and foster collaborative relationships between a diverse range of project partners and audiences.
- Confident, persuasive, collaborative and diplomatic in your approach.
- A flexible, innovative and creative approach to work.
- Excellent interpersonal skills including tact and diplomacy.
- Ability to work collaboratively and to take responsibility when required.
- Excellent communication skills both written and verbal, including presentations.
- Competent use of MS Office, including Word, Outlook and PowerPoint.
- Good logical, analytical and problem-solving skills.
- Effective time management and an ability to multi- task effectively.
- Ability to prioritise and to show initiative.

Other

- A strong interest in the mission and aims of Barts Heritage, its architecture and collections and its potential to connect with diverse audiences.
- A strong commitment to equality and diversity.

Terms and how to apply

This is a part time (0.5FTE) post offering £27,000 per annum pro rata until April 2025.

To apply please send CV to vicki.whitehead@bartsheritage.org.uk along with contact details. Interviews will be held in November 23 (date to be confirmed). Those selected for interview will be informed by e-mail of the interview date and given a time slot. Interviewees will be given the opportunity of a tour of the building on the interview day.

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