



## The City of Leicester Museums Trust seeks new Trustees

The City of Leicester Museums Trust was set up in 1930 to purchase a wide range of objects and exhibits for Leicester's museums and it continues to carry out this important role today. It relies largely on the proceeds from public donation boxes in Leicester's museums to fund its work, together with private donations and bequests. The Trust's funds are often increased in value through successful grant applications to a range of other funding bodies. The Trust is a registered Charity and regulated by the Charity Commission.

There are a maximum of six Trustees and each Trustee serves a 5 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. The role of a Trustee is a completely voluntary one. Trustees receive no remuneration or expenses.

The Trust currently has one vacancy, and the Trust warmly invites individuals from all cultural and ethnic backgrounds to apply to become Trustees. The Arts & Museums Service is committed to becoming more reflective of Leicester's present-day communities.

The Trust supports the purchase of a wide range of objects and recent additions include:

- *A Portrait of Sir David Attenborough* by Bryan Organ
- A 1908 Clyde motor car 'The Old Grey Mare'
- *The Smoker* by Hermann Max Pechstein
- A partial specimen of Mid Jurassic plesiosaur *Cryptoclidus eurymerus*
- *Lady in the Cafe* (Lotte Fischler) by Lotte Laserstein, 1939
- A replica skeleton and vertebrae of King Richard III, a replica of the Bosworth Cross and GCI Model of Greyfriars for the King Richard III Centre
- *Herbstabend Klotzsche* by Conrad Felixmüller, 1921
- Lister two foot gauge railway locomotive
- Pair of Brass Candle Sconces designed by Ernest Gimson
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Century Roman Coin Hoard

### Trustee responsibilities:

- To ensure that the Trust is run in accordance with the Charity Commission Scheme.
- To ensure the Trust's funds are properly managed and the maximum benefit is derived from them.
- To try to raise further income for the Trust.
- To consider formal purchase proposals submitted to the Trust by Leicester Arts & Museums staff.
- To ensure that appropriate purchases are made, in line with the Leicester Arts & Museums collection policies.
- To ensure that purchases are acquired in a proper manner.

**Desirable skills, experience, and abilities:**

- An interest in museums, 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.

**Commitment Required of Trustees:**

- Four meetings are held per year, currently on Mondays at 4pm, at which purchase proposals are considered.
- From time to time approval of purchases is also needed at short notice.

**Benefits for Trustees:**

- To be involved with Leicester's museums, gallery, and its collections.
- To play a key role in the purchase of objects for those collections.
- To gain a unique insight into the behind the scenes operation of Leicester Arts & Museums - its staff, sites and collections.
- To receive invitations to exhibition private views, launches and events.
- A unique opportunity to be an advocate for museums and galleries in Leicester.
- An opportunity to use your skills and experience in a good cause for the benefit of others.

**To find out more:**

Visit our website for further information about the Trust at:

<https://www.leicester.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/museums-and-galleries/support-us/city-of-leicester-museums-trust/>

Or please contact [museums@leicester.gov.uk](mailto:museums@leicester.gov.uk)

**How to apply:**

If you are interested in being considered for the role of Trustee, please send your CV to Leicester Arts & Museums Service Support Officer Aisling Knight, 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.

Please e-mail your application titled "COLMT Trustee Application" to [museums@leicester.gov.uk](mailto:museums@leicester.gov.uk)

**Closing date for applications:** Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2018