**Volunteer Development Programme**

**Expression of Interest**

**ORGANISATION :**

**Programme lead name:**

**Additional Programme participant(s):**

**Email addresses of all above:**

**Please note:** *we ask that two individuals from each organisation sign up to the programme. We recommend these individuals have the ability to make decisions and have a remit of volunteering in their organisation.*

**NB:** To be eligible to apply to this programme you need to be from an Accredited museum or currently working towards Accreditation. We are particularly looking for museums who are:

- Committed to reviewing their volunteer strategy

- Open to learning and exploring changes to involving volunteers

- Keen to learn more about and embed inclusive practice into their work on involving volunteers

- Able to dedicate time and staff/volunteer resources to ensure they can benefit from the programme fully

Your museum must be based in one of the following 5 areas: ***Wales, North West, North East, West Midlands, East Midlands.***

**Volunteering Strategy**

**1) Please provide an outline of your organisation's** [**volunteering strategy**](https://beta.ncvo.org.uk/help-and-guidance/involving-volunteers/understanding-volunteering/writing-a-volunteer-strategy/) **to cover at least the period 2021 - 2023.** *This does NOT have to be taken from an existing plan or strategy, but the outline should reflect a commitment to reviewing or developing one.*

*You can also enclose an existing volunteering strategy with this application in answer to this question, please tick if this is the option you have chosen here* ☐

**2) What are your current barriers to achieving what is set out in any strategy or plan for volunteering?**

**Involving Volunteers**

**3) Please provide an outline of how you involve volunteers in your organisation currently.**

*i.e. how do volunteers hear about and become involved in volunteering opportunities with you? How do you develop roles for volunteers? How do you recruit, retain and motivate volunteers etc*

**Inclusive Practice**

**4) What is your understanding of inclusive practice when involving volunteers?**

*e.g where do you think this is working well in your organisation, and how could it be improved?*

**5) Are you committed to participating in the Volunteer Development Programme between October 2021 and March 2022? Please consider the following: YES / NO**

*Is your governing body signed up to participating in this programme of support?*

*Are you able to provide volunteers/members of staff to contribute as necessary – including your nominated volunteer / leader at every session?*

**6) Are some/all of the named individuals above able to join the programme workshops for the dates outlined in the programme information?** *Please note all events take place online.* **YES / NO**

See [Programme Information](https://mdem.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Volunteer-Development-Programme-Programme-Information.pdf) for mor details.

**6) Are you prepared to have action plans signed off by your governing body as an outcome of this programme? YES/ NO** *If there is an issue with any of the above, please outline your reasons here. These will be taken into account during the selection process:*

**7) MDUK are committed to providing accessible and inclusive opportunities for the sector and have a dedicated budget to address any need. Do you have any access requirements you would like to make us aware of? YES/NO –** *please indicate below*

**Signed by (We will accept electronic signatures):**

**Project Lead:**

**Project Sponsor (member of the governing body):**

**Date:**

**Please note the closing date for expressions of interest is 16th July. Please return this form to** **sarah.hartshorne@leics.gov.uk** **.**

**Please note the closing date for expressions of interest is 5pm 1st October. Please return this form to** sarah.hartshorne@leics.gov.uk