

## CURATORIAL RESEARCH ASSISTANT VOLUNTEER PLACEMENT

Through its permanent and temporary exhibitions, the Design Museum displays contemporary design across a range of disciplines – architecture, transport, fashion, graphic and product design. Recently re-located to Kensington High Street, the museum's mission is to help people understand the value of design.

### **What will the role involve?**

The Curatorial Research Assistant will support the Curators in the early development of a forthcoming temporary exhibition exploring the future of the home and the changing aspects of contemporary domestic life. This exhibition will open in November 2018.

#### Tasks may include:

- Working closely with the curatorial team on the development and conceptualisation of the exhibition
- Researching material, e.g. literature, other exhibitions, historical objects closely related to the chosen theme of the exhibition
- Reporting research findings to the Senior Curator
- Compiling and maintaining a clear record of findings
- Spending some days working in libraries around London

### **The placement**

This is a fixed-term placement volunteering 2-3 days a week for three months starting towards the end of February 2018.

### **Skills and experience**

The museum is looking for someone with:

- An interest in curating and delivering exhibitions
- Good understanding and knowledge of contemporary design, including architecture
- Good research and editing skills
- Excellent communication skills, both verbal and oral
- Competence using Microsoft Word, Excel and Outlook

#### Desirable

- Graduate or postgraduate qualification in art, design or architecture history, museum studies, or curating.
- A good knowledge of contemporary design practices and debates

### **The Design Museum offers volunteers:**

- A supportive and stimulating environment to volunteer in
- Free access to the museum
- Reimbursement of out-of-pocket travel expenses up to £12 per day
- Discounts in the Design Museum Shop
- Free tickets, when available, to museum events/talks
- Advice about next steps (where possible) and references

**To apply**

Please contact [volunteer@designmuseum.org](mailto:volunteer@designmuseum.org) enclosing your current CV and a short statement (one side of A4 max) outlining your availability and why you feel you are suited to this role.

This is a selective role and interviews will take place in week commencing 12 February 2018

The closing date for applications is **Sunday 4th February 2018**