

## curatorial research assistant

volunteer placement  
waste age

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

### **what will the role involve?**

This role will support the curators in the research and development of a forthcoming temporary exhibition exploring design's relationship to waste and the environmental crisis. Waste Age will define design's role in creating the problem and present how designers are helping to transform what we throw away into new and valuable resources and explore how design can help usher in a new age where there is no such thing as waste. Content will include the work of artists, designers and architects, and will range from full-scale installations to smaller design projects.

#### Tasks may include:

- Undertaking research into material related to the content of the exhibition, e.g. a Waste timeline, circular or closed loop design, bio-design innovations.
- Researching and contacting potential lenders for exhibition objects, process material, contextual imagery and audio-visual footage
- Compiling and maintaining a clear record of findings
- Reporting research findings to the Curator
- Assisting with the administration of loans

### **the placement**

This is a fixed-term placement volunteering for three months, ideally starting early December. This role will be worked remotely and flexibly up to 2 days per week, depending on your schedule and availability.

### **skills and experience**

The museum is looking for someone with:

- An interest in curating exhibitions
- Good understanding and knowledge of environmental issues and science, contemporary architecture or design and manufacturing.
- Excellent research and editing skills
- Good communication skills
- Competence using Microsoft Word, Excel and Outlook

### **the Design Museum offers volunteers:**

- A supportive, stimulating and dynamic environment to volunteer in
- Free access to exhibitions, when possible
- Reimbursement of out-of-pocket travel expenses up to £12 per day (should there be a need for you to come into the museum)
- Discounts in the Design Museum Shop
- Advice about next steps (where possible) and references

**to apply**

Please contact [gemma.curtin@designmuseum.org](mailto:gemma.curtin@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 remotely in the week beginning 2 November.

The closing date for applications is **Monday 2 November at 6pm**.

**questions or queries**

If you have any questions about the recruitment process for this role, please contact [volunteer@designmuseum.org](mailto:volunteer@designmuseum.org).