



Curating with the Community

The opportunity:

Egham Museum is dynamic, independent local history museum. Established by a dedicated team of enthusiasts in 1968, the museum continues to be a vibrant part of the local community, working closely with local schools, community groups, other charities and businesses. Your placement will put you at the heart of the museum's operations where you will work closely with museum curator, Amy Stone, a Royal Holloway graduate. You will get the opportunity to develop upcoming exhibitions, collaborate with the vibrant volunteer team, greet visitors, and produce content for the museum's popular social media channels and website. You will also get to work with the museum team on funding applications, gaining valuable fundraising experience, while also getting to research and work with an eclectic social history collection. This placement provides the ideal opportunity to gain an insight into the challenges and opportunities of working in smaller heritage organisations and to get a taste of a wide range of museum roles, from collections care and interpretation to digital public engagement and fundraising.

This is a six-month opportunity (February to July 2023) offered at 0.5FTE (2.5 days per week).

What skills you'll bring:

- Experience of researching and analysing archival material
- Ability to write succinct reports to summarise your findings
- An interest in museums, heritage, and social history
- An understanding of British History - but not a must

The ideal candidate will be highly motivated and a clear communicator who is able to work collaboratively or independently, as required.

What you will gain:

- Insight into the day-to-day management of a small local history museum
- Experience in writing funding applications to key funders
- Understanding of the role of volunteers in a community-led organisation
- Opportunity to translate research into content for a wide public audience
- Mentoring from a museum professional with experience in a wide range of heritage settings

About Egham Museum:

Established in 1968, [The Egham Museum](#) is an independent community museum serving the communities of Egham, Egham Hythe, Englefield Green, Thorpe and Virginia Water. It explores the history of the local area from its earliest settlers in the Neolithic to the present day. Egham Museum is located in the Literary Institute, 51 High Street, Egham.

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