

Curious Curators- volunteering opportunity at Seventeen Nineteen

Hours- Ongoing until March 2021: one hour digital meeting a fortnight with flexible hours in between.

We're looking for volunteers who are creative, curious and canny to help us research our collection and our history come alive. Seventeen Nineteen's goal is to reconnect Sunderland with its past by transforming Holy Trinity into a venue that brings the heritage of the church and the old town to life through storytelling and other activities.

What will our Curious Curators do?

- Take part in one zoom meeting a fortnight to work with the Curious Creators team to plan your project
- Work with historians, local history centres and other resources to research artefacts
- Collaborate with illustrators and graphic designers to make resources
- Learn about museum conservation and installation
- Pass on everything you've learned to the next group of Curious Curators
- Help us install all the exciting new stories into the newly refurbished church
- Help us make volunteering at Seventeen Nineteen brilliant by telling us what you've learnt, what you've enjoyed and what you'd change

We are developing a cabinet of curiosities, filled with items from our history that reflect our shared story of Sunderland. We need your help to research the items, create resources for people to engage with at home and curate a small exhibition within our lovely old safe in the vestry.

The project will give you an opportunity to:

- Uncover the forgotten heroes of the East End
- Share our story of Sunderland
- Shine a light on your community

The Cabinet of Curiosities will celebrate the life of Sunderland from 1700 to today. Capturing and sharing a history of the people by the people who know it, feel it and live it. Access to it will be free, we will run workshops and tours with local groups and schools. Your curated creations will be shared in homes, community centres and

schools across Sunderland- bringing history to the people and breathing life into the past.

What does a Curious Curator look like?

- Curious! They want to learn about history, they're naturally nosey and have lots of questions.
- Helpful. You'll want to help other people, whether that's helping them learn about the past or noticing that they need something and making that happen.
- **Bold**. Curious Curators need to be able to ask questions, talk to new people and share what they've learned. If you're only a bit brave maybe this opportunity might give you the chance to push yourself.
- Welcoming. Bringing people together from different backgrounds and making a warm space where they can learn and share.
- A Mackem. Historically, Sunderland's East End was home to migrants from all over the world, all Mackems are welcome to bring their unique views of Sunderland to Seventeen Nineteen.

If you want to develop your skills this volunteering opportunity will give you the opportunity to:

- Meet new people and try new things
- Talk, chat, discuss and build your communication skills
- Take part in something to be **proud** of
- Undertake training- including researching with local archives, using specialist software, facilitating tours and workshops
- Gain a reference from the CCT after a set period of volunteering

What is the commitment?

Our Curious Curators attend a digital meeting on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 5pm, a calendar will be provided at induction. During this meeting tasks are divided up depending on how much time volunteers can provide.

Additional opportunities will be given to work with the community, to run workshops, tours and record oral histories.

During installation of artwork volunteers will be given the opportunity to work with heritage professionals to install artefacts and interpretation (e.g. signage, films, etc.).

Curious Curators will take part in evaluating the project, conducting surveys and interviews.

Remote, home-based digital working with the potential for self-funded site visit opportunities.

Length of role: Ongoing until March 2021.

Curious about volunteering?

Send us an email to ldaniels@theccct.org.uk to let us know some things about you:

- What are you Curious about?
- Why you are Curious about volunteering at Seventeen Nineteen?
- What would you like to learn or develop while volunteering with us?
- Are you able to make the regular meetings on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month?
- Would you need any support to volunteer?

The Details

Volunteers must be at least 18 years old

Please note that there are limited spaces, so not everyone will be able to volunteer this time around.

While social distancing is recommended all activity will be conducted digitally, any activity that needs to happen on site will be risk assessed to be Covid safe. At no time will volunteers will be asked to take part in any activity where they feel unsafe.

Where a volunteer is disabled, every effort will be made to supply all necessary aids, adaptations or equipment to allow them to participate fully in all aspects of the opportunity. We want our volunteers to feel comfortable and supported- if there's anything you'd like to discuss with the team we'll make every effort to accommodate any changes you need.

As an equal opportunities organisation, we welcome applications from all suitably qualified persons. We particularly welcome applications from those who feel under represented by the heritage sector. All volunteering placements will be made on merit.