

Volunteer Co-Producers - Museum Making Project



About the Museum Making Project:

The Museum of Bath at Work is evolving to tell the broader stories of Bath as a dynamic, living city. Our Museum Making project focuses on shifting the Museum's narrative to encompass the diverse working lives of Bath's residents, from the Industrial Revolution to the present day. By engaging with the community and integrating innovative interpretation, we aim to create a more resilient museum that fosters wider audience engagement. This project will also lay the groundwork for a future capital redevelopment to rethink how we use our historic building and space. As we transition towards a community-focused museum, we embrace the concept of community co-production, building an inclusive dynamic that celebrates Bath's rich industrial and social history. This is a national Lottery Funded Project for 3 years from 2025-2027.

Role Overview:

We are seeking enthusiastic and dedicated **Community Co-Producers** to contribute to the Museum Making project. As a volunteer, you will assist with a variety of tasks that support the project's objectives, including research, social media engagement, event planning, and administrative support. This role is ideal for individuals passionate about history, storytelling, community engagement, and museum development.

Key Responsibilities:

1. Research and Content Development:

- Conduct research using the Museum Archives to explore key themes, uncover hidden histories, and create compelling content that highlights the working lives of Bath's residents.
- Areas of focus include (but are not limited to):
 - Transport and Communication
 - Power
 - Manufacturing and 'Making'
 - Health and Tourism

- Enterprise and Innovation
 - Leisure and Living
 - This research will contribute to the development of exhibitions, events, and workshops.
- 2. Social Media and Content Creation:**
- Develop and manage social media content to promote the project. This includes creating posts, Instagram reels, Facebook updates, and website content to increase engagement and awareness.
 - Help build the Museum's online presence and connect with a wider audience.
- 3. Event Support and Community Engagement:**
- Assist the Project Co-ordinator and Community Engagement Facilitators in planning and executing events, workshops, and engagement activities.
 - Foster connections with the local community and encourage participation in Museum programs.
- 4. Administrative Support:**
- Assist with administrative tasks, including updating spreadsheets, tracking project progress, and preparing reports on research findings to support overall project management.
- 5. Volunteer Support and IT Assistance:**
- Offer support to long-term volunteers in enhancing their IT skills and assist with the integration of a new EPOS system.

Person Specification:

Essential:

- Passion for storytelling and sharing the history of Bath's working community.
- A willingness to provide excellent customer service to members of the public.
- Eagerness to learn new skills and develop professionally.
- Reliable, committed, and motivated to contribute to the success of the project.
- Ability to work both independently and as part of a team.

Desirable:

- Interest in history, heritage, or local culture.
- Experience or interest in video editing, social media management, or website design.
- Knowledge of community engagement practices and a desire to connect with diverse audiences.

How to Apply:

For more information or to express your interest, please contact Ellie Bowes at coordinator@museumofbath.org.

We look forward to hearing from you and working together to bring Bath's stories to life!