**CURIOSITY ACTIVATOR VOLUNTEER**

Application Form (Confidential)

Thank you for your interest in applying to become a **Curiosity Activator Volunteer** with The Bowes Museum. We are so excited to be launching the Curiosity Project and are thrilled and delighted that you want to become part of it!

**Background information to the Curiosity Project:**

This year we are launching four new exciting gallery spaces and accessible storage vaults through the Curiosity Project, and we are looking for volunteers to help us activate these new spaces!

The Curiosity Project will see the galleries on the ground floor of the Museum transformed into interactive spaces that will celebrate the collection, inspire curiosity and encourage exploration and conversation. Our visitors told us they wanted to explore the stories behind our objects, have making experiences that help them get hands-on with materials and techniques and learn more about the Artists, Designers and Makers whose works are cared for by the Museum. Our new spaces will do all of this!

For more information about the Curiosity Project and Activator Volunteer role, please read through the information sheet titled: **Curiosity Activator Information Sheet.**

**Inclusion and Diversity:**

We believe that diversity and equality within our workforce, programmes and approaches is crucial to our mission of being inclusive and relevant to our communities. We want everyone to feel welcome. We, therefore, particularly welcome applications from candidates under-represented at The Bowes Museum and within the heritage sector, including Global Majority candidates and/ or candidates with disabilities.

**Please note** before applying for this volunteer role that you will be available to attend on the below dates:

* Be available to come in for an **informal conversation about the role** on either **Weds 20th** or **Thurs 21st March 2024.**
* That you will be available to attend a **Training Day** on either **Tues 26th** or **Weds 27th March** **2024.**
* That you will be available to volunteer on the **launch date** of the **Curiosity Project** which is **Tues 2nd April 2024.**
* That you will be available to volunteer across the full six months between **Apr – Sep 2024.**

This is a pilot project for us, and as such we will be reviewing the Curiosity Activator Volunteer role after an initial six-month period.

**Your Personal Details**

**IMPORTANT: If you are under the age of 18 you must ask your parent or guardian to complete this section on your behalf.**

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| Full Name |  |
| AddressPostcode |  |
| Telephone number |  |
| Mobile number |  |
| Contact number of Parent or Guardian |  |
| Email |  |
| I am over 18. | Yes No |
| I am legally entitled to volunteer in the UK | Yes No |

**Why would you like to become a Curiosity Activator Volunteer?**

(Maximum of 100 words, feel free to write in bullet-points if you prefer).

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**What skills, experience and knowledge are you hoping to gain by volunteering at The Bowes Museum?**

(Maximum of 100 words, feel free to write in bullet-points if you prefer).

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**Which space would you like to be an Activator Volunteer in?**

* There are four spaces as part of the Curiosity Project, Hive, Create, Conversation and Curiosity, read the descriptions in the table below to learn more about each space.
* If you have a preference to which space, you would like to volunteer in please indicate your choice by putting a cross in the final column.

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| **Space** | **Description of the space** | **Which space would you like to volunteer in?** |
| **Curiosity**  | A Curiosity Space, where a soundscape linking the gallery to the outside will change as visitors move around the room investigating objects and artworks.  Our displays will change regularly but in April we’ll introduce Artists, Designers and Makers, ideas about neighbourliness and hospitality and the Teesdale landscape, all through items from the collection. |  |
| **Create**  | A Create Space to investigate the making processes of collection objects; experimenting with materials through prompts and ideas set by our Artist team. |  |
| **Conversation** | A Conversation Space where people relax, chat and debate, exploring artworks that link to wider ideas and key challenges our world is facing. Here we’ll explore local solutions to global problems. |  |
| **Hive** | This will be a ‘hive of activity inspired by our co-founder, Josephine Bowes’ thoughtful collecting. Here, visitors will be able to see objects, artefacts, documents and collections that have been curated through a collaboration of staff, volunteers and community members; a reminder that everyone can collect and everyone curates. |  |
| **I do not have a preference** | I am happy to volunteer in any of the above spaces. |  |

**Availability**

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| Please tick when you are available to volunteer. (Ideally, we are looking for people to be able to do 2 x shifts a week) | Additional Comments |
| ✓ | Mon | Tues | Weds | Thurs | Fri | Sat | Sun | We also welcome volunteers who would like to do a whole day shift.(10.00 – 4.30pm with 30-minute lunch break). |
| 10.00amto 1.00pm |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1.00pm to 4.00pm |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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| Please tick what months you are available to volunteer.(Must be available to volunteer on 2nd April) |
| ✓ | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | All 6 months | After the 6 months I would like to continue volunteering. |
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**Reference:**

Please provide details of one person who can tell us about your ability to undertake volunteering at The Bowes Museum. (Must be someone you have known longer than 6 months and not be a relative or friend)

This role is subject to a satisfactory reference check, in supplying this reference you give us permission to contact your reference.

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| **Reference contact details:** |
| Name: |
| Email: |
| Telephone: |
|  How do you know this person? |

**Privacy Policy**

The Bowes Museum is committed to protecting and respecting your privacy. We are responsible for protecting your information as a “data controller’’ under the applicable data protection legislation. For more information log on to our website at:

<https://thebowesmuseum.org.uk/privacy-policy/> Your records will be held on the Museum’s database and will not be passed to any third party without your agreement.

**Declaration**

I declare that the information I have given in this application is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true and correct. I agree to the information on this form being stored by The Bowes Museum under our privacy policy.

**Parent or Guardian signature:**

**Date:**

**Your Signature:**

**Date:**

If you would like any support completing your application form, please feel free to contact

Jess White – Co-production Volunteer Manager – jess.white@thebowesmuseum.org.uk

(Please note I work part time and my usual working days are Mon, Tues & Thurs).

If you require this application form in a larger format, please do not hesitate to contact me by email jess.white@thebowesmuseum.org.uk

**Please return your completed application form to The Bowes Museum by no later than Sunday 17th March 2024.**

* Email: Jess White, Co-production Volunteer Manager jess.white@thebowesmuseum.org.uk
* Or drop it off in a sealed enveloped marked Private and Confidential for the attention of Jess White Co-production Volunteer Manager to our Reception desk during opening hours: The Bowes Museum, Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 8NP.

**Thank you for taking the time to complete this application form**

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