



## **The West House And Heath Robinson Museum Trust Recruitment Of Assistant Curator 2022**

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The West House and Heath Robinson Museum Trust (HRMT) is a partnership between the West House Trust and the William Heath Robinson Trust (WHRT). It exists to bring to public attention the work of William Heath Robinson, one of the 20<sup>th</sup> centuries most prolific and well-loved cartoonists. The Trust is a registered charity and company limited by guarantee. The William Heath Robinson Trust holds a collection of more than 1000 original Heath Robinson works and artefacts and holds the largest collection of the artist's work in the world.

The William Heath Robinson Trust has loaned works for Heath Robinson exhibitions to other UK museums, including the Laing Art Gallery in Newcastle, the Derby Museum, and Mottisfont Abbey in Hampshire, which have been very well received. The Museum's development has been supported by Harrow Council as well as by numerous other institutions and Patrons.

The Heritage Lottery Fund awarded in December 2013 a grant of £1.13m to build the Heath Robinson Museum, with partnership funding of £430,000 to be raised by the Trust. The HLF made a further award in 2015 of £171,000 to meet rising building costs. The Heath Robinson Museum opened its doors in October 2016 and is now open to the public 4 days a week: Thursday-Sunday 11am-4pm. The Museum has a thriving schools program and its events and workshops cater to both adults and children.

The Heath Robinson Museum has a small team of staff and a large body of active volunteers who are pivotal in the running of the museum. The Trust wishes to recruit a part-time Assistant Curator to assist the Curator in the delivery of the exhibition programme. We would like the Assistant Curator to start as soon as possible.

This role is part of the Collections and Exhibitions (C&E) Team. The C&E Team realises an ambitious programme of temporary exhibitions, including the production of catalogues to accompany these events. It is also responsible for the care of the WHRT collection of original artwork and related letters, ephemera, publications and artefacts. It maintains a Modes collection management database and records of loans to and from the museum. The Assistant Curator works with a small and busy team on the realisation of exhibitions with lenders and arts institutions, delivering exhibitions that inspire, entertain and inform our visitors. The Team consists of the Curator (V), an Assistant Curator, a registrar (V) and a small group of volunteer assistants in collection management and exhibition installation.

This post is a fixed term contract for 12 months, with the possibility of extension. The post holder is expected to work 32 hours per week.

**More information** about the Trusts and the Museum can be found at:

[Heathrobinsonmuseum.org](http://Heathrobinsonmuseum.org)

[Westhousepinner.com](http://Westhousepinner.com)

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**To apply:** Please fill out an application form and email to

[welcome@heathrobinsonmuseum.org](mailto:welcome@heathrobinsonmuseum.org)

CV's will not be accepted.

The closing date for applications is Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2022, 8am.

Interviews are expected to take place in Pinner Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2022.