**Job Description – CURATOR (RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT)**

**LIVING BARRACKS PROJECT**

**The King’s Own Scottish Borderers Regimental Museum**

Salary: £26,000 pa

Reports to: Hon Curator, KOSB Museum

Location: Ravensdowne Barracks, Berwick

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**OVERVIEW TEXT ON LIVING BARRACKS PROJECT**

The Living Barracks project seeks to turn Berwick Barracks into a thriving cultural hub and visitor destination which will become a focal point for public life in Berwick. The project will deliver a new heritage and cultural offer within the Barracks, a new resource and learning center, and series of units hosting artisan and craft businesses. The project will see the closure of the current regimental museum, and decant of its collections and archives to a temporary facility within the barrack complex. We are looking to engage an experienced curator with a specialism in military history and artefact, to work alongside the KOSB team in advising and informing the project team in the formation of concept and plans (to NHLF stage 2 application point) for the renewed museum offer.

This will be a temporary role, running for the duration of the Development phase of the Project, which is planned to be 12 months. There may be the opportunity of re-engagement for the subsequent Delivery Phase.

You will be based in the Barrack complex at Berwick, working with the KOSB Museum Officer and project Interpretation Manager.

**Overview of role**

Working with the KOSB museum officer and Hon Curator you will summarise the significance, narrative themes and display potential for the KOSB collection and its sub-assemblages. In consultation you will prepare a prioritised research plan, implementing specific targeted research as agreed. You will inform the interpretation planning process around narrative themes, and draw up an object display long list for stage 2. You will also inform the Activity Plan as part of the Stage 2 submission.

The role will involve liaising with the wider museum delivery project drawn from partner organisations, chaired by the English Heritage Senior Curator.

**What you’ll be doing as part of the team**

1. To be the day to day advocate for knowledge and understanding of the collections during the project.
2. To communicate an authoritative overview of KOSB regimental history (liaising closely with the KOSB subject matter experts).
3. To conduct a review of current collections and archives to provide:

o A series of summaries across collecting areas and sub-assemblages;

o Statements of significance for whole and sub-assemblages;

o An outline of the narrative potential, linked to the regimental history, across the collection as a whole, and within identified sub-groups.

* A prioritised research plan.

4. Advise the Interpretation manager and museum team in the preparation of concept and scheme design for inclusion within a stage 2 NLHF submission.

5. Draft an object display long list.

6. Work with Conservator to agree display standards and principles, draft mount schedule, agree case spec etc…

7. Liaise with Property Curator (English Heritage) and Project Historian (Berwick Record Office) over wider barrack and town history.

8. Advise in the development of a project Activity Plan to stage 2 NLHF submission

9. Work with and maintain excellent working relationships with colleagues in the KOSB team (including volunteers), multi-partner museum team and all project contractors.

10. Manage volunteers as required.

In addition to the above responsibilities, you’ll also ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, a safe and secure work environment that does not place people, property, assets, reputation or finances at risk. You’ll demonstrate compliance by completing appropriate risk assessments and ensuring the maintenance of your, and where appropriate your team’s, training records.

Occasionally we may need to review a job description to incorporate any changes or other duties needed for the role as identified by the line manager.

We’re also committed to providing equality of opportunity so if you have a disability, we would be happy to discuss reasonable adjustments to the job with you.

**Working hours**

Mon-Fri 0930-1630hrs with 1 hour for break time. 30 hours a week.

**Holiday**

Pro rata 25 days a year plus 8 UK bank holidays.

**Pension**

There will be a contribution to pension within a NEST scheme.

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| **Who We’re Looking For** |
| **Essential Experience** |  | **We’d also like to see** |
|  * First degree or postgraduate qualification in history.
* Post-graduation experience working in the museum sector
* Experience of working on projects
* Experience of working with a range of heritage professionals

   |  * Experience working within a military museum
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| **Essential Skills / Knowledge / Qualifications** | **We’d also like to see** |
|  * Background in militaria/military history
* Experience in building and curating significant collections
* Computer literate with knowledge of databases, Excel and Word
* Able to lift objects and confident working on ladders and scaffolding and in confined spaces
 | * Full UK driving license
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| **Essential Behaviours**  | **We’d also like to see** |
| * Excellent communicator and influencer with proven ability to build and sustain positive relationships outside own area - across teams and disciplines.
* Excellent self awareness: strong sense of personal strengths and weaknesses and of impact on others
* Self motivator and team player
* Systematic approach to large-scale challenges.
* Ability to manage and motivate people
 | * Empathy with the British Armed Forces and its veterans.
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| Additional Circumstance to Consider |
| Travel to other locations will occasionally be required within working hours |