

Trustees



The London Canal Museum is an independent and self-financing museum in London's vibrant Kings Cross area, and we are currently looking for Trustees to join our Council of Management.

About London Canal Museum:

London Canal Museum (LCM) is dedicated to educating and inspiring our visitors with the history of London's canals – how they've shaped London's development, the ordinary people that lived and worked on them, as well as the entrepreneurs who profited from them. The Museum is uniquely located in a former Ice Warehouse where you can see the historic ice wells, and discover the story of the Victorian ice trade which imported ice from Norway.

We want to pass on the heritage of the canals and the ice trade so that future generations can learn about London's industrial and social past.

The museum is a registered charity and is run almost entirely by volunteers. All Trustees, front of house, curatorial and many other roles are voluntary. The museum has two part-time paid staff – the Volunteering and Training Manager and an Education Manager who runs the schools programme.

Location:

London Canal Museum, 12-13 New Wharf Road, London, N1 9RT.

We are a 5- 10 minute walk from Kings Cross St Pancras tube and rail stations.

Trustees & Council of Management:

Trustees have ultimate responsibility for the Museum and are collectively responsible, through the Council of Management, for its governance. The role of the Council of Management is to ensure that the Museum has a clear vision and strategic direction, is sustainable and complies with the law.

Requirement :

- *Following the retirement of a long-standing Trustee, the Museum now wishes to replace and increase the Council of Management's pool of resource and enhance its skill sets.*
- *The Museum is now almost fully re-opened post-Covid, and is aiming to restore visitor numbers and revenues to prior levels*
- *New Trustees are required to assist the current Council of Management in carrying out tasks to meet these objectives*
- *The Museum is also considering a number of strategic objectives for a sustainable future*

We are searching for two or three Trustees and would welcome particular skills, including but not limited to the following, and applicants with knowledge or experience in one or more of these areas would be desirable :

- *Visitor Attraction Management*
- *Marketing & Communication, PR & Promotion*
- *General Management experience in a commercial organisation*
- *Education (in Schools or Museums)*
- *Museum Collection & Curation, Exhibition Management*
- *Digital Marketing, Design & Social Media*
- *Grant & Funding Applications, Fundraising*

If you have an interest in canals/waterways and London industrial history, that is very welcome but by no means essential.

Commitment:

- *The Trustees meet monthly as the Council of Management.*
- *Trustees are also expected to take on specific tasks and activities.*
- *It is expected that each Trustee will devote at least 1 day per week to such tasks for the Museum.*
- *It is expected that Trustees will serve for a minimum of three years.*
- *Trustees need to commit the necessary time to be effective.*
- *Trustees must adhere to the MA Code of Ethics and all the Museum's policies.*
- *Trustees are expected to act reasonably and prudently in the best interests of the Museum, never in pursuit of personal interests or the interests of another organisation and to meet the legal obligations common to all charity trustees (comply with charity law, duty of prudence and of care)*
- *As part of the Council of Management, develop the forward plan with a clear vision and strategy*
- *Ensure compliance with charity law and all other legal and tax requirements.*
- *Safeguard the good name of the Museum, as an enthusiastic and well-informed ambassador.*
- *Use specific skills, knowledge and professional expertise to help trustees reach sound decisions.*

Benefits to you:

- *Be part of the running of the museum and provide a real input into decision making*
- *Learn about the history of London's canals, the people who lived and worked on them, and their place in the industrial revolution, as well as the ice trade and the unique history of our building*
- *Meeting new people – you will be a part of a community of volunteers of all ages and backgrounds*
- *Build your experience of working in museums, heritage and visitor engagement*
- *Regular opportunities to participate in social events including our summer boat trip; reciprocal visits to other museums etc.*
- *Free entry to the museum and museum events, 10% off in our shop, discounted venue hire.*
- *Travel to and from the museum and lunch can be claimed for as (receipted) expenses.*

Accessibility and diversity policy:

We strongly welcome applications from volunteers of all backgrounds to take part in our work of sharing London's canal heritage with the public. Our museum galleries are accessible to those with limited mobility and users of wheelchairs, and we are very happy to make all reasonable adjustments to ensure that someone can volunteer with us. For more information about the accessibility of the museum, please visit <http://www.canalmuseum.org.uk/visit/menu-disabled.htm> or contact us for more information.

How to apply:

*Please apply with your CV, and a covering note detailing your reasons for applying and what you can offer to the Museum's management, in terms of both time and expertise, to vtm@lcmemail.co.uk
References will be taken up for successful candidates after interview*