

Shadow Curator Intern

Deveron Arts is a contemporary arts organisation based in Huntly, a 4000 people strong market town in the north east of Scotland. Here we work with the history, context and identity of the town.

Deveron Arts has no gallery, instead *the town is the venue*: studio, gallery, and stage for artists of all disciplines. We invite them to work and live here from all over the world. For this we use found spaces all over the town and its surrounding areas: supermarkets, pill boxes, churches, garages, to name just a few.

Engaging local people and community in topics of both global and local concern, Deveron Arts works through a 50/50 approach. This brings together artistic and social relationships in an international global network that extends throughout and beyond the geographic boundaries of Huntly.

Our current three year programme explores the concept of Hospitality through the notions of slow travel, food + hosting and conversation + language.

More on Deveron Arts, its artists, project and concepts on www.deveron-arts.com

Shadow Curator Intern Position

'*Shadow Curator*' is a methodological concept first developed by Portuguese Curator Nuno Sacramento (PhD) that strives to strengthen the mission of the art institution and its 'appointed' curators' practice similar to the political model of the Shadow MP (Members of Parliament).

To advance both our work on the ground in Huntly locally, as well as our ambitions to develop a workable model for the collaborative visual arts we are looking to complement our programme through implementing an Internship Programme, that is based on the *Shadow Curator* methodology. For this we want to invite young curators with a keen and proven interest in working with social engagement and community collaboration to be in residence with us for six months at a time.

Similarly to the Shadow MP and the senior *Shadow Curator/Producer*, the *Shadow Curator* Intern would scrutinise the work of the curatorial team concerning the projects and proposals and would help to develop alternatives and improvements to our project programme (intergenerational / identity / environment and heritage) within the community.

The Shadow Curator Intern will be involved in all facets of daily operations and will be a vital part of the Deveron Arts team.

This is a unique training opportunity for young curators in Scotland, which allows for critical engagement and some own project development within a given context.

HOW TO APPLY

Applicants should download the full application pack from www.deveron-arts.com

Please send:

- a covering letter describing how you would relate your education, training, work experience and any other experience (e.g. voluntary) to the requirements of the post. (800 words maximum)
- application form
- one other relevant submission of your choice in electronic format (please relate this in your cover note)

to: Claudia Zeiske at info@deveron-arts.com.

Please mark clearly 'Shadow Curator Intern Application – your name' in Subject Header.

Applications can be made by e-mail only.

The closing date for completed applications:

20th May 2013.

Long-listed candidates will be interviewed by skype.

A second round of interviews will take place at Deveron Arts' office in Huntly, Aberdeenshire.

Task Description

Assistance in Curating

- To assist the Director in programming
- To contribute with ideas, advice and critique
- Active networking locally and further afield

Hands on project assistance with all Deveron Arts projects

- Maintenance and update of project archives and reports
- Maintenance and development of Deveron Arts' social networking
- Booking venues
- Arranging meetings with the community
- Liaising with community groups and members
- Active role in developing the Town Collection

Assistance with Marketing

- Assistance in the development and maintenance of website
- Assistance in Advertising
- Upkeep of data base

Requirements - essential

- excellent administrative skills
- excellent drafting skills
- excellent IT handling skills
- be a good team worker, while having a strong ability to work on own initiative
- ability to work unsocial hours
- a keen interest in developing a career in socially engaged / collaborative curatorial practice.

Requirements - desired

- ability to relate and work well with people from all walks of life, in particular Deveron Arts' main clients: artists of all disciplines and people living in the rural locality
- welcoming and assisting attitude towards artists and any other guests
- affinity and experience with the visual and other art forms
- The programme 2012/13 looks at the notion of 'hospitality' through slow travel, in particular 'walking'. An interest in walking would be of advantage.

Training

Part of this position is the training in the specific methodology of the Shadow Curator developed by Deveron Arts as part of the *Town is the Venue* philosophy. Additional training opportunities can be discussed after appointment.

Reporting

The Intern will report to the Director, Claudia Zeiske.

Remunerations/Conditions

Fee: £465 per month + Accommodation

Working Hours, Benefits and Holiday Arrangements

This is a full-time position.

Due to the nature of the work, the post requires to work flexible hours on occasions, to include unsocial and weekend times when events are happening.

The position is offered for 6 months.

Start: beginning of June 2013

A probationary period of one month from issuing the contract applies.

An allowance of 14 days holidays are granted during the 6 months, to include public holidays.