

Become a Community Author

Are you interested in history? Are you interested in your local community?

We are looking for Community Authors from various backgrounds and experiences to collaborate with Museum of the Home on our Historic Collections Rationalisation and Cataloguing project.

We are in the second phase of our collections disposals project which will focus on our historic collections of woodworking tools, costume and architectural fittings. These collections are not on public display and date back to when we acquired objects with a focus purely on design aesthetic and did not consider the personal stories behind the objects, now a fundamental part of our collecting.

Working with the collections team, you will mind map ideas for a disposals framework and identify community groups to take part in the community sessions. You will run workshops with community groups where participants look at objects and, using the framework, decide if objects should be disposed of or re-catalogued.

The Community Authors role:

Project: to co-create a framework with the Museum for object disposals from areas of the Museum's collection and apply this framework in community group sessions.

Why: The Museum wants to be more collaborative in how we approach the management and care of the collection.

Who are the Community Authors: People with knowledge, passion and interest in East London with different skills and experiences from Museum staff.

- **Money:** we will offer £75 for every session you attend
- **How often:** The meetings will take place during the day on weekdays (meeting approximately 14 times over one year).
- **Opportunities:** to work with the Museum's collections, to change how we approach disposals, and to collaborate with community groups

Outcome: To co-create a blueprint for disposals and action the blueprint in community rationalisation sessions. This framework will become part of the Museum's policies.

Please email curatorial@museumofthehome.org.uk if you are interested in attending by Wednesday, 18 March with a statement of interest and a brief description of your background and experience. There are limited spaces on the project.

We are a Disability Confident Committed employer. If you would like to request an alternative application format, please get in touch with jobs@museumofthehome.org.uk.

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