

Press Release



January 2019 Your Museum needs you..!

The River & Rowing Museum is looking for enthusiastic, friendly people to join their growing team of volunteers.

This autumn, the Museum is opening a stunning new art exhibition from the Yorkshire gallery Hepworth Wakefield, the Art Fund Museum of the Year in 2017. 'Approaching Thunder: 1940s British Prints & Drawings' features the work of artists including Henry Moore, Graham Sutherland and John Piper. Running for 4 months, this is followed in the spring with: 'An Earthly Paradise: William Morris and the Thames', which brings the work of Morris to Henley in a unique new display.

Exhibitions of this calibre require constant gallery supervision, and the Museum is looking to the local community to support them with this. As an educational charity, the organisation is reliant on the generous support of volunteers to help them continue to deliver their exhibitions and events.

Sarah Posey, Director: "The River & Rowing Museum is committed to bringing high-calibre exhibitions and loans to Henley, but needs your help to do this. We're hugely grateful to the 40 volunteers who joined the museum team in 2017 and helped us make the show 'Barbara Hepworth: Finding Form' such a success. Our volunteers receive training and support, as well as benefits and the pleasure of working in friendly team dedicated to make great exhibitions happen. We're keen to grow our volunteer numbers for two stunning upcoming shows. We'd love to hear from you, whatever your age or background."

Whether you are a student looking to gain some valuable work experience, returning to the workplace and looking to develop new skills or a local resident interested in the arts and supporting your local Museum, there are lots of opportunities to get involved.

Ann Tully, River & Rowing Museum Volunteer: ‘As a volunteer I have enjoyed making new friends, welcoming visitors into the Museum, invigilating high value art displays such as the recent Barbara Hepworth exhibit, and most of all I have really enjoyed being part of such a welcoming team!’

Volunteers at the Museum enjoy a range of benefits, including discount in the café and shop, attending Museum lectures and events like exhibition private views, behind the scenes tours

More information can be found at rrm.co.uk

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Notes to Editors:

The River & Rowing Museum is one of the U.K’s leading independent museums. Situated in picturesque Henley on Thames, and housed in an award-winning building on the banks of the river, the museum explores the River Thames, the international sport of rowing and the town of Henley. The galleries include interactive displays as well as internationally-significant collections, including the family-friendly ‘Wind in the Willows’ gallery and a permanent display of the work of artist John Piper. In addition, the Museum hosts a lively programme of temporary and visiting exhibitions, working with partners such as the National Portrait Gallery, the V&A and the Hayward Gallery in London. Working closely with organisations in our area, the Museum has recently opened a Community Gallery which showcases a wide variety of local projects. Twice shortlisted for Family Friendly Museum of the Year, the Museum is a registered educational charity, and welcomes over 114,000 visitors per year, including 20,000 children and adults who taking part in our fun and inspiring learning and events programme. The museum has delightful café with a terrace overlooking Mill Meadows, and a shop specialising in children’s books and games, fashion and craft.

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