

Conservation Cleaning Volunteer

Blackwell, The Arts and Crafts House



Reporting to: Collections Management Assistant

Time: 8:30-10:30 every Thursday

We are looking for two volunteers to help us deliver a preventative conservation routine at Blackwell. This will be an ongoing regular role. This is a great opportunity to become part of a small friendly team and to gain an insight into the daily operation of an Arts and Crafts House.

Purpose and key objectives:

Blackwell is a Grade I listed historic house retaining many of its original features which is home to a stunning collection of Arts and Crafts museum objects alongside pieces of contemporary art and ceramics. The site is open to visitors 7 days a week, 50 weeks of the year, this puts the collection and building itself under considerable strain, and we need to maintain a programme of preventive conservation to ensure the building and collection do not deteriorate.

Key tasks:

- Object Handling
- Dusting in line with conservation best practice
- Buffing panelling and flooring
- Cleaning stained glass
- Cleaning and polishing metal
- Condition checking

Knowledge and experience:

- An enthusiasm for collection care within a historic environment (but no previous experience necessary)
- Ability to listen to and follow instructions
- Comfortable working at height
- All training will be provided; however, a knowledge of conservation methods will be useful

A full introduction to duties is provided and support from the curatorial team is available at all times.

If you are interested to join our team, or would like more information, please email a covering letter and your CV to nfoster@lakelandarts.org.uk