

Forging Futures: Learning Resources for Adults Call for Expressions of Interest

Background

The *Forging Futures* project celebrates Sheffield's leading role in metal innovation by connecting past and present traditions, and highlighting the crucial part that creativity, design and technology plays in the future of our city. We have created a handling resource to encourage more hands-on interaction and understanding of the metalwork collection.

There are 5 object handling boxes which focus on innovation, especially through design, style and use of materials, and the objects selected reflect this. They focus on Britannia Metal, Old Sheffield Plate and Stainless Steel collections, but we've also included other materials for comparison purposes. The boxes are safe and secure to be taken out of the museums for outreach work, or can be used on site. The project is funded by the Designation Development Fund (DDF).

Freelance brief

We want to appoint a freelancer(s) to develop, co-ordinate and deliver sessions for adults using the boxes. These would be aimed at an adult audience, particularly with residential homes, luncheon clubs or groups with special needs in Sheffield. Sessions would mainly happen off site (eg in residential homes), but could also include a visit to the Millennium Gallery. The object handling collection would be the starting point for reminiscence, creative writing, art or other activities. The main aim is to get the collection out to adult audiences in an interesting, meaningful way. We have contact with some groups who are interested, and are happy to consider other groups too.

There is a maximum of **11 days** work available at **£200 per day** including all expenses. All sessions must be **finished by 31 March 2011**. We are happy to consider proposals for fewer days, and may appoint several people to complete discrete projects.

The freelancer(s) will be responsible for:

- planning, co-ordinating and delivering sessions
- creating a clear outline of any sessions created, ready to be used in the future
- co-ordinating any additional resources (eg refreshments, transport for groups) as agreed in advance with Museums Sheffield.
- collecting monitoring information and evaluation records

Interested? What next...

Send us a brief expression of interest outlining:

1. Your proposed sessions
2. The number of days you would like, and a overview of how this would be spent
3. Any specific groups you know who would like to participate in your sessions
4. An estimate of any additional costs your sessions would incur
5. Your CV / summary of relevant experience and the names of 2 referees.

Send this information to Catherine Mailhac, Adult & Informal Learning Co-ordinator, at catherine.mailhac@museums-sheffield.org.uk or at Museums Sheffield, 2nd Floor, Orchard House, Leopold Street, Sheffield, S1 2GY **by 9am on Friday 10 February**. Feel free to get in touch with any questions by email or call 0114 278 2696 for a chat.

More about the boxes

- **Mystery Objects:** Unfamiliar and intriguing objects
- **Spoons:** A wide range of spoons
- **Vessels:** Selection of containers.
- **Innovation:** Problem solving in design
- **Contemporary Sheffield:** Objects from local metalwork businesses

Mystery Box

- 1) Pipe lighter
- 2) Wax jack
- 3) Candle snuffers
- 4) Bone holder
- 5) Snail tongs
- 6) Tea infuser
- 7) Wine funnel
- 8) Egg topper

Vessels Box

- 1) Egg cup with ventilation holes
- 2) Muffineer
- 3) Mustard pot
- 4) Britannia metal measuring cup
- 5) Tea caddy
- 6) Condiment set
- 7) Stainless steel tea pot

Spoons Box

- 1) Mother of pearl egg spoon
- 2) Serrated edge dessert spoon
- 3) Gilded sugar sifter
- 4) Jam spoon
- 5) Salt spoon
- 6) Enamel decorative sugar sifter
- 7) Deco sugar sifter
- 8) Sardine server
- 9) Britannia Metal spoon
- 10) Flat leaf spoon
- 11) Sugar crusher
- 12) Plastic Ikea spoon
- 13) Folding spoon
- 14) Caddy spoon
- 15) Cheese scoop
- 16) Horlicks spoon
- 17) Stainless steel straw spoon
- 18) Moustache Spoon by Victoria Kershaw, eco silver
- 19) Finger spoon

Innovation Box

- 1) Medicine spoon
- 3) Granton edge knife
- 4) David Mellor Chinese Ivory place setting
- 5) Early stainless steel knife
- 6) Toast rack
- 7) Child's pusher set
- 8) Argyle gravy pot
- 9) Extendable candle stick with patented mechanism
- 10) Slot-together knife, fork, salt and pepper set
- 11) Baby food travel/dispensing spoon
- 12) Medicine measure and dispensing spoon
- 13) Slimline coffee stirrer in silver by Victoria Kershaw
- 14) Credit card cutlery set
- 15) Designer plastic cutlery

Contemporary Sheffield Box

- 1) Pewter Christmas decorations by Freeman College students
- 2) Production samples of 'Pride' sauce ladle by David Mellor
- 3) Sample piece made using wire-welding technique from Advanced Manufacturing Research Centre (University of Sheffield)
- 4) Lowman Bone Clamp from Veterinary Instrumentation, Sheffield
- 5) Chip fork in eco silver by Victoria Kershaw
- 6) Baby Splash Bowl by Tim Parsons for Wentworth Pewter
- 7) Cream ladle from Whittle Tang Cutlery (Freeman College)

If you would like more information about each of these objects, just ask and we'll email it to you.