

Ambassador

Design History Society



Founded in 1977, the Design History Society works internationally to promote and support the study and understanding of design history. It welcomes all those engaged in the subject, from students, researchers and educators, to designers, makers, critics and curators. The Society aims to play an important role in shaping an inclusive design history.

With this in mind, the Society is now seeking three Ambassadors to support its core aims and activities.

Overview

The Ambassadors play a key role in supporting the work of the Board of Trustees by promoting DHS events and other activities through DHS social media channels, by generating dynamic content for the DHS website and by developing new initiatives in partnership with Trustees.

Ambassadors work closely with the DHS Administrator and Executive Committee, who provide guidance and support as needed. Ambassadors are encouraged to identify a particular area of the society's work that they wish to focus on, such as the annual events programme, membership and outreach, communications, and so on.

These three roles are offered on a voluntary basis, with reasonable travel and subsistence costs reimbursed in accordance with the DHS expenses policy. Ambassadors are eligible for free annual membership to the DHS, and registration at events in the Society's annual programme. Ambassadors are expected to serve for at least 1 year, from September 2019, with the option to extend to 2 years.

The DHS is committed to progressing equality and diversity, and welcomes applications from all sections of the community. We encourage applications from beyond London and the South East – and outside the UK – and from those who are able to help the Society reach new audiences.

Key Activities

- Promote the DHS as the leading organisation in the study of global design histories
- Ensure DHS social media channels are updated regularly
- Generate engaging and relevant website content (primarily through the Blog – including reviews, reports, interviews, thought pieces, visual essays etc)
- Attend and report on DHS events where necessary
- Work with a Trustee to develop proposals for events and other initiatives, focusing on a particular area (such as annual events programme, communications, membership and outreach, and so on).

Benefits

- Free annual membership to the Design History Society which includes a subscription to the *Journal of Design History*, qualification for a number of DHS awards and occasional discounts on a range of academic publications.
- Access to a range of professional networking opportunities through DHS events.
- Writing and social media experience which includes the publication of your work on the DHS website.
- Expenses for reasonable travel and attendance at events which generate DHS website content (this may include, for example: DHS conference travel, accommodation and registration fees; expenses for DHS events where a report is commissioned etc)

Person requirements

1. Strong interest in the history of design or related fields (essential).
2. Commitment to equal opportunities and inclusive practices (essential)
3. Self-motivated, organised and able to meet deadlines (essential)
4. Social media experience (essential)
5. Excellent written communication skills (essential)
6. Experience of writing for different audiences (desired)
7. Experience of working in a team (desired)

For more information about the role, or if you have any questions, please contact the [Secretary](#). To apply, complete the application form and return to the [DHS Administrator](#).

Deadline for submissions is 5pm, 25 July 2019.

Further information about the Society and the work of its Trustees can be found here:

[Design History Society Website](#)

[Blog](#) post by departing Ambassadors (2017-19), Vivian Chan and Simon Spier.

[DHS Trustees Annual Reports](#)

[DHS Annual Conference 2019](#), hosted by Northumbria University at Newcastle-upon-Tyne (5-7 September)