

# Curator (Head of Collection) Job Description

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**Reports to:** Director / **Department:** Collection

**Time Requirements:** Full Time - though we are happy to discuss Job Share etc.

**Remuneration:** £35k pa

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This is a rare opportunity to shape the UK's first LGBTQ+ museum from a curatorial perspective, both practically and strategically, helping build up the museum in its early days.

Are you a well-connected curator fascinated with LGBTQ+ collections and stories? Do you have strong Collections experience and a track record of creating world-class content and an ambitious and representative public programme?

This is an opportunity to play a key role in the UK's first LGBTQ+ museum. The successful applicant will lead on exhibition development and deliver wider programming inspired by the collection or exhibition, in consultation with our Collections Steering Group.

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**About us** Queer Britain is the UK's first national LGBTQ+ museum, for all. We are dedicated to inspiring our visitors with stories that make them feel seen, show them where our communities have come from and help us think about our best of all possible futures. We are a new museum with the ambition to be a permanent addition to the UK's cultural landscape, with a world class offer and visitor experience.

**About the role** We are looking for a Curator to join us on a permanent basis at Queer Britain in London's Kings Cross. This role reports to the Director of Queer Britain.

- In this role, you will lead on our collections care and development, and take overall responsibility for the exhibitions programme. In discussion with the Director, you will develop an exhibitions strategy and initiate exhibitions that support the museum's aims. We expect that some exhibitions will be curated by you, while others may be developed with external curators and community partners but for each, you will ensure that they are managed responsibly, delivering to time and budget.
- You will work closely with the Head of Learning and Engagement to ensure we have an inspiring programme of public engagement built around the developing collection, the current exhibition and our communities' stories. We want a curator to be able to draw as much engaging community value from our collection as possible and would be open to exploring different forms of community engagement or co-curation in our programme.
- Working closely with the Director of Queer Britain, the Collections sub-committee, and the rest of the senior leadership team, you will also drive strategic collections development, reviewing, identifying and securing acquisitions. This is likely to include working sensitively and supportively with donors who have no previous experience of museum procedures.
- The role is hands-on at every level and you will be experienced with the basics of museum documentation, environmental control and loans procedures etc, as well the strategic and development aspects.
- Working closely with the Executive and other key department Heads including Heads of Learning and Engagement, Research, Design and Special Projects and Operations, you will inspire and lead the team to ensure the seamless delivery of outstanding world class gallery, temporary exhibitions, digitisation, publications, and research.

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**About you** You have experience of leadership in the museums, arts or heritage sectors, including a thorough knowledge of all aspects of curatorial practice, collections care and development. You will be strategic but also have hands-on experience of developing displays, managing projects, overseeing budgets and building relationships with external stakeholders. We are particularly interested to hear from candidates who have experience of the delivery of permanent gallery, temporary and touring exhibition projects.

- You are interested in inspiring audiences with stories around queer communities and heritage especially related to the objects in our collection. You will be open to the idea of working in partnership with audiences and community groups, perhaps through consultation or co-curation.
- You have experience of collections development and acquisitions, working closely with potential donors.
- You will be a strong communicator, able to share the stories that our collection holds with our audiences through museum texts and other forms of interpretation. You will also be comfortable speaking with both the media and donors to promote Queer Britain, its collection, work and mission and occasionally assist in business development.
- You will take a collaborative approach, have a positive, energetic and can-do attitude and enjoy being part of a tightly knit team, helping to develop a strong team culture of mutual support, excellence, innovation and openness.

This position is mainly based at Queer Britain's home in London but there is also some flexibility for hybrid working and Job Share.

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**Inclusion** We are working hard to understand our organisation better and to foster a culture that recognises and values different backgrounds, mindsets, skills, experience, knowledge and expertise. By having greater diversity, we believe that we will be a stronger and better organisation and ultimately will be able to inspire better futures. We therefore welcome and encourage applications from those who bring difference to our team.

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**How to Apply** Please send a CV and a maximum one sided A4 covering letter explaining how you fit the role specifications and why you'd like to work for Queer Britain.

Please send these by email with the subject line 'QB Curator' to [recruitment@queerbritain.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@queerbritain.org.uk) by 9am Monday September 19. Interviews are due to be held from September 27.

If you would like to discuss this role further before applying or have any related questions, please email [recruitment@queerbritain.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@queerbritain.org.uk) with the subject 'QB Curator Question'

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**Equal Opportunities** Queer Britain believes in equal opportunity for all. Queer Britain encourages and welcomes applications from all areas of the global community. We highly encourage applications from underrepresented areas such as POC and LGBTQ+ identifying individuals. Queer Britain is fully accessible to all. If you have any accessibility requirements to attend an interview or fulfill your role please provide details in your application email. Any information you provide may be used by Queer Britain to monitor the demographic of candidates applying for roles and to help make improvements in line with our diversity and inclusion ambitions. This information will not be used when assessing your suitability for any role. Queer Britain may ask you to complete an optional Equality, Diversity and Inclusion monitoring form. Any data provided will be treated in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018.