## Spike Island

## **PERSON SPECIFICATION**

**Assistant Curator: Artist Development and Engagement** 

Attributes	Essential	Desirable
Qualifications	Degree or degree-level qualification in an arts related subject (Art History, Fine Art, Curating, etc.)	<ul> <li>Postgraduate degree in an arts related subject (Art History, Fine Art, Curating, etc.)</li> </ul>
Knowledge	<ul> <li>An active interest in, and knowledge of, contemporary art and the wider arts and cultural sector.</li> <li>A familiarity with the aims and objectives of non-profit arts organisations and artist-led initiatives.</li> <li>An understanding of the systems and processes related to artist development and engagement programmes.</li> <li>A commitment to contemporary art and curatorial practice.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>An awareness of the arts in an international context.</li> <li>An understanding of the need for an internationally-oriented arts organisation to actively support artists based in the South West.</li> <li>An active interest in artist development schemes and artist-led networks.</li> </ul>
Experience	<ul> <li>A minimum of two years' professional experience working in the curatorial or learning department of a contemporary arts organisation.</li> <li>Experience of working closely with artists and understanding their needs.</li> <li>A track record of coordinating, promoting and delivering regular events and activities.</li> <li>Experience of writing funding applications and reports.</li> <li>Experience of contributing to risk assessments.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Experience of project management, including preparing project plans and schedules.</li> <li>A track record of self-initiated research and/or curatorial or educational projects.</li> <li>Experience of working with web-based project management applications, such as Trello and Slack.</li> <li>Experience of online ticketing and preparing content for social media.</li> </ul>





## **Skills** Excellent administrative skills, The ability to speak another language. including budgetary control. Computer literate and IT The ability to work with experienced, with a content management comprehensive knowledge of systems for website Microsoft Office 2010 and maintenance. proficiency in Adobe Creative Suite. • An ability to learn new IT practices and processes as required. • Comfortable working in a team and maintaining a can-do attitude, even under challenging circumstances. • Excellent organisational and time management skills, including the ability to work to regular, competing deadlines. The ability to communicate effectively (both in writing and orally) with a wide range of people, including external stakeholders and across teams at Spike Island. • Rigorous attention to detail and excellent proofreading and copyediting skills. The ability to work according to your own initiative and be selfmotivated. Circumstances Living with an easily commutable distance from Bristol, or a willingness to relocate. A willingness to work flexible hours, including regular evenings and weekends, and a commitment to working within a small, dedicated team.

## **Terms and Conditions of Appointment**

**Job duties and description:** The job description is a guide

to the targets that the Assistant Curator: Artist Development and Engagement is expected to achieve and may be revised from time to time by agreement

to meet changing circumstances.

Normal hours of work: 35 hours per week.

Monday-Friday, 9am–5pm (please note that regular

evening and weekend work will





be necessary to effectively support programme delivery, though time off in lieu may be taken to compensate for this)

Salary: £21,973 p.a.

Term: Permanent

Pension: On completion of three month's

> service, you would be eligible for auto enrolment in to Spike Island's workplace pension

scheme.

Annual leave: In addition to bank/public

> holidays, employees are entitled to 4.6 week's annual leave on full pay (pro rata).

Probationary period: This post is subject to a

> probationary period of six months, during which the notice on either side is two

weeks.

Notice period: Upon completion of the

probationary period, employment is subject to a two-month notice period.

**Benefits:** Spike Island offers access to the

following schemes:

Cyclescheme

Access to Employee Assistance

**Programme** 

All such benefits apply during the course of your employment

only.



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