



THE TANK MUSEUM

## Education & Accessibility Advisor (*Voluntary Role*)

### Role Description

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The Tank Museum brings the story of tanks and their crews to life, with the world's best collection of tanks in modern, awe-inspiring exhibitions.

The museum houses some 300 vehicles, representing every major conflict since the First World War. Our moving exhibitions tell the story of this British invention; from the mud of the Somme, to the beaches of Normandy and the deserts of Iraq – featuring powerful stories from the soldiers that fought in them.

Around 200,000 people visit Dorset's largest indoor attraction each year, with the annual TANKFEST event drawing visitors from across the globe. The Tank Museum has a global online reach, with a large supporter base and following on a range of social media platforms.

This is underpinned by the outstanding national importance of The Tank Museum's collections and the expertise of those who care for them. Alongside vehicles, the collections include medals, images, documents, personal papers, books, weapons and memorabilia.

The museum is situated in Bovington which is regarded as the 'home of the tank', as it was here that some of the first tank crews were trained during the First World War. It remains home to the Royal Armoured Corps today. The museum was founded in 1923 as a teaching resource for the Tank Corps. Over the past decade, the museum has transformed itself into a leading 21st century military museum.

As museum of the Royal Tank Regiment and Royal Armoured Corps, The Tank Museum is a registered charity which has been part of Arts Council England's National Portfolio since 2018.

The Board of Trustees has full responsibility for the sustained achievement of the Charity's objects. The Trustees are collectively responsible for the governance of the Museum. Whilst this is not a trustee role the appointed Advisor would be required to attend two Trustee Collection Committee meetings each year and would be required to give feedback to The Board of Trustees on The Tank Museums educational offering, and The Tank Museums accessibility programme.

### Our Values

The values of The Tank Museum underpin the work of our team. Whilst there are a great variety of roles, specialisms and professions across the organisation, we all share a common approach in our mission to tell the story of the tank and the people that serve in them.

- **We are PASSIONATE.** We are authoritative and driven and we display this daily with our enthusiastic and rigorous approach to work.
- **We are AMBITIOUS.** Driven by an aspiration to be the best, we strive to be better. We channel our creativity and competitiveness to make us innovative, forward thinking and flexible to challenges.

- **We CARE.** We work hard because we believe in the cause of the organisation. We are welcoming and friendly to all our visitors. We are inclusive, fair and considerate of each other, showing great respect for our collections and for the stories we tell.
- **We display INTEGRITY.** We are knowledgeable about our subject and professional in the way in which we conduct our business. We act responsibly and embrace responsibility. Our ethical grounding guides us to do the right thing by our audiences, our supporters, our collections and by each other.

## **ROLE PURPOSE**

The Education & Accessibility Advisor is a voluntary role supporting the Visitor Experience General Manager (VEGM) and Education Officer (EO) in ensuring the Museum's formal and informal education offering continues to be a leading example in the sector, helping to drive relevant strategic decisions reflecting current changes and demands. In addition to this, the Advisor also leads the Board of Trustees in helping to develop The Tank Museum's accessibility programme, a key focus for 2023-2025.

## **ROLE POSITION**

The Advisor is an independent voluntary role, supporting The Tank Museum's Collection Committee and acting as an advisor to the VEGM and EO. Whilst this individual is not required to attend full Trustee Meetings, they would be asked to attend two Trustee Collection Committee meetings each year, one with a focus on learning and the other as the key planning meeting reviewing strategy and forward plans. Giving the necessary feedback to the Board of Trustees to ensure that the organisation is operating in line with best practice.

## **CANDIDATE PROFILE**

The Tank Museums seeks an individual ideally currently working within the Education Sector or with extensive experience of working within the Education Sector with the ability to support the strategic requirements and decisions regarding the Museum's education and accessibility planning and delivery.

## **ROLE-SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES**

Acting as in an advisory role, the three key responsibilities are as follows;

- Remain contactable by the VEGM and EO (pre-agreed where possible) acting as a sounding board as and when required.
- Attend Collection Committee meetings twice a year to offer expert advice to the Collection Committee and Trustees in reviewing and developing the education and accessibility strategies, monitoring their progress.
- Support the VEGM and EO in the development of ongoing education & accessibility operations, including safeguarding.

## **GENERAL ADVISOR RESPONSIBILITIES**

- To promote the Vision & Mission of The Tank Museum
- To exemplify The Tank Museum's Values

- To understand and promote the principles of The Tank Museum's education and accessible offering
- To act in accordance with the Tank Museum's policies.
- To act with reasonable care and skill, to avoid any personal conflicts of interest and always to act in The Tank Museum's best interests and safeguard its good name.
- To advise and assist The Tank Museum Employees, Collections Committee and Board of Trustees where required, ensuring such advice complies with its constitution, charity law and all applicable legal and regulatory requirements, continually striving for best governance practice.

#### **TERMS OF OFFICE**

There is no specific Term of Office for advisors. Agreements between The Tank Museum and advisors will initially be for three years and reviewed after two years, with the possibility of extension by mutual agreement.

#### **TIME COMMITMENT**

The time commitment is approximately 8 voluntary days a year.

