



## SIR JOHN SOANE'S MUSEUM LONDON

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### **Conservation Volunteer**

#### **Background**

Sir John Soane's Museum is the home of the great Regency architect Sir John Soane (1753 – 1837), and it displays his collection of antiquities, furniture, models, and paintings arranged as they were at the time of his death. In addition, it preserves his collection of over 30,000 architectural drawings and a fine library of over 7,000 volumes. It has been described as the 'supreme example of the house-museum in the world' and remains an iconic inspiration for architects, artists, and designers.

Key to the continuing preservation of the collections is the work carried out by the small inhouse conservation team who have a wide range of responsibilities. These include day-to-day care of the collections and museum rooms, restoration project work and advising colleagues across the museum, in particular those responsible for managing events in the museum spaces.

#### **Role Profile**

This volunteer role will provide practical support to the Conservation team. The conservation team carry out many of their collections care regimes in the museum rooms on Tuesdays when the museum is closed. The volunteer will assist the team in this work which will involve a varied range of tasks including cleaning objects, surveying collections and assisting with preventive regimes such as IPM checks and will give the person in the role a fantastic opportunity to learn all about collections care in a historic house. This work will involve some physical tasks and will, at times, require working at height

What we are looking for

- An organised, methodical approach to working, with an eye for detail
- Good dexterity
- Ability to work well in a team
- An interest in developing a career within the Museums and Heritage sector
- Good IT skills would be an advantage

We will also offer

- The opportunity to take part in talks and events as part of the Volunteer programme
- Reimbursement for out of pocket travel expenses up to a maximum of £12.50 per day

### **Time Commitment**

We are looking for a time commitment of one day a week, on Tuesdays, with hours to be decided. Because of the skills you will need to develop in this role the team would prefer a minimum commitment of 6 months, to be reviewed at the end of that period.

### **How to apply:**

To apply please email your CV and a covering letter to [volunteer@soane.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@soane.org.uk) or by post to Victoria Witty, Volunteer Manager, 13 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, WC2A 3BP.

The deadline for applications is 10 November at 5pm.

We welcome applicants from all sections of the community, and you do not need to have volunteered before.

We plan to organise informal discussions at the Soane Museum on the 26<sup>th</sup> November which will include the Conservation Team. We won't be able to offer informal discussions to everyone who applies but we will provide feedback on applications if it is requested.

Please email the Volunteer Manager ([volunteer@soane.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@soane.org.uk)) if you have any questions about this role.

If you have an access need you would like to let us know about at this stage, please get in touch and we'll be happy to answer any questions.

Thank you!