



BATTLE OF BARNET PROJECT

Brief for Heritage Learning Consultant



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The Battle of Barnet Project is a Heritage Lottery Funded partnership project between Barnet Museum, the Barnet Society and the Battlefields Trust. The Project will develop a variety of activities and resources to help the local community find out more about the Battle and its place in Barnet's history. These will include resources for schools; a new gallery about the battle at Barnet Museum; a Medieval Festival; an enhanced Barnet Museum website including a large Battle of Barnet section, and much more. Local interest in the battle has grown recently, through increased prominence at Barnet Museum, coverage of the Wars of the Roses in the media (e.g. in dramas such as *The White Queen*) and particularly an archaeological survey into the battle which began in autumn 2015 (and was featured on the BBC4 programme *Digging for Britain* in December 2016). The Battle of Barnet Project will build on this.

The Project has received a £98,600 grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

Timescale, fee and location

The Battle of Barnet Project is a two-year project which started in early 2017, and we would envisage the Heritage Learning Consultant working part time, mainly during the autumn of 2017. It is envisaged that the work would start in September 2017, with completion expected by the end of February 2018 at the latest.

We wish to recruit a self-employed freelance Heritage Learning Consultant, with a total fee for the period in the region of £7,500. This approximates to 30 days at £250 a day. This fee includes all expenses and VAT.

The Battle of Barnet Project is based at Barnet Museum in Chipping Barnet, with project work usually taking place outside normal Museum opening hours. The Heritage Learning Consultant would also spend some time in local schools. It may well be possible for the Heritage Learning Consultant to work from home some of the time, depending on facilities, and subject to agreement with the Project Board.

The role

The Heritage Learning Consultant will work alongside other freelancers (including an Interpretation Planner and Graphic Designer) and Barnet Museum's volunteer Education Officer, and report to the Project Co-ordinator. A member of the Project Board will be their line manager.

The Heritage Learning Consultant will:

- Gather the previous feedback from local schools on what they would like from a loan box.
- Create a Battle of Barnet-related loan box:
 - Source and purchase replica items and images relating to the Battle of Barnet and medieval life (advice available from Battlefields Trust and Barnet Museum), and a suitable box.
 - Put the box together and produce the administration involved in hiring the box.
 - Write supporting materials to go on CD-ROM or memory stick. There will be 3 different supporting packs: Key Stage One, Key Stage Two and Secondary School (this third pack could also be made available for use by adult community groups). Supporting packs to contain e.g.: background information, worksheets, etc.
- Trial the loan box with local schools and other local groups, evaluating both teacher and pupil's experience of the loan box.
- Advertise the loan box to local schools.
- Run assemblies about the Battle of Barnet to local schools.

Skills and experience

Mandatory:

- Experience of education/learning within the heritage sector
- Experience of creating a loan box
- Experience of evaluation techniques in museum learning
- Able to work as part of a team, including with volunteers
- Able to prioritise and work to deadlines
- Approachable and self-motivated
- Able to acquire quickly a basic knowledge of the Battle of Barnet and Wars of the Roses
- An up to date knowledge of the National Curriculum.
- Educated to degree level or equivalent.

Desirable:

- Knowledge of the school system
- Current DBS clearance form
- Good IT skills
- MA in Museum Studies

How to apply

Please send your CV with a letter of application setting out how your skills and experience are relevant to this Project, with specific reference to the requirements listed above. Please also provide the names of two people with whom you have worked who would be prepared to provide us with references.

Applications should be sent electronically to Helen Giles, Battle of Barnet Project Co-ordinator, barnetbattleproject@gmail.com before 5pm on **Tuesday 13th June 2017**.

Interviews will be held on **Monday 10th July 2017**.

If you have any questions, please email barnetbattleproject@gmail.com