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CANDIDATE BRIEF

Postdoctoral Research Associate, Centre for Cultural Value
Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Cultures



Salary: Grade 7 (£33,199 – £39,609 p.a.)

Reference: AHCPCI1017

Closing date: 26 July 2019

Fixed-term for 2 years from 1st October 2019

Full time

**Postdoctoral Research Associate, Centre for Cultural Value
School of Performance and Cultural Industries,
Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Cultures.**

Are you a talented postdoctoral researcher? Have you worked with arts and cultural organisations? Are you passionate about supporting research and dissemination on aspects of cultural value?

Applications are invited for a Postdoctoral Research Associate to support the establishment and development of the new national Centre for Cultural Value, funded by the AHRC, Arts Council England and Paul Hamlyn Foundation. You will be part of a dedicated core team and a wider national network which will engage with and beyond the arts and cultural sector to support knowledge exchange in areas related to cultural value.

The Centre for Cultural Value will act as a custodian for cultural value research and as a bridge and facilitator of new and existing networks related to cultural value. The Research Associate will play a pivotal role in the early life of this new Centre, leading on the collation, review, synthesis and dissemination of existing and emerging research related to the value and impact of the arts on culture on audiences, and on society more broadly.

You will possess a PhD in arts management or cultural policy studies, or in a related field, and will have significant experience of networking and collaborating with arts and/or cultural organisations. You may also have experience of organising conferences, seminars, workshops and public engagement activities. Excellent interpersonal and communication skills are essential, as is a willingness to work flexibly and independently.

What does the role entail?

As a Postdoctoral Research Associate your main duties will include the following activities:

- Contribute to the development of the Centre's core objectives and to the review and dissemination of existing and emerging research on cultural value;
- Provide research assistance to the Centre's directors and investigators as required by the Centre's evolving objectives;



- Conduct an extensive and ongoing literature review of research relating to cultural value;
- Contribute to research digests, blogs and reports summarising the research funded and conducted by the Centre;
- Present and represent the work of the Centre at relevant conferences and events;
- With guidance and advice from the project investigators, proactively consider the work being done and make suggestions for improvements in meeting the Centre's objectives;
- Help populate and maintain the online platform, YARN;
- Plan research events, in collaboration with the Centre Director, including identifying key objectives and identifying suitable participants;
- Independently contribute to the preparation of publications arising from the research;
- Liaise with the Partnerships Consultant to support the seed-funded collaborations;
- Mentor PGRs affiliated to the CCV;
- Store and manage all data collected as part of the Centre, conforming to relevant policy and best practice where applicable;
- Undertake ongoing training and development in all aspects of the work and taking responsibility of updating the skills and techniques for the post;
- Carry out any other duties commensurate with the grade and purpose of the post, as directed by the Centre Director;

General responsibilities

- Carry out the duties of the post in accordance with the University values of professionalism, inclusiveness, integrity and community, supporting the core value of academic excellence;
- Carry out the duties of the post in accordance with University standards, policies and procedures and local Faculty / School benchmarks, as appropriate;
- Maintain a safe work environment, including ensuring compliance with legislation and the undertaking of risk assessments;
- Integrate the University value of inclusiveness into all appropriate aspects of the job; respect the dignity and diversity of all members of the University community and of visitors to the University.



These duties provide a framework for the role and should not be regarded as a definitive list. Other reasonable duties may be required consistent with the grade of the post.

What will you bring to the role?

As a Postdoctoral Research Associate you will have:

- A PhD in arts management or cultural policy studies or in a related field. *Please note, the PhD must have been awarded by the time of application;*
- Experience of synthesising a wide body of academic and grey literature to produce a literature review;
- Experience of networking and collaborating with external arts and cultural organisations;
- Excellent interpersonal skills, including the ability to interact with others on a multifaceted, multi-site project;
- An emerging track record in publishing research outputs related to ongoing projects;
- High level of accuracy and attention to detail;
- Excellent time management, project management and organisation skills;
- Excellent written and oral communication skills;
- Proven ability to work independently and to tight deadlines;
- Flexible and adaptable, with a proactive and positive approach;

You may also have:

- A research background in cultural value, arts and health, arts and conflict resolution, or audience research;
- Experience of organising conferences, seminars, workshops and public engagement activities;
- Experience of designing and/or populating online platforms;

How to apply

You can apply for this role online; more guidance can be found on our [How to Apply](#) information page. Applications should be submitted by **23.59** (UK time) on the advertised [closing date](#).



Contact information

To explore the post further or for any queries you may have, please contact:

Dr Ben Walmsley, Centre Director & Principal Investigator

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Additional information

Working at Leeds

Find out more about the benefits of working at the University and what it is like to live and work in the Leeds area on our [Working at Leeds](#) information page.

Candidates with disabilities

Information for candidates with disabilities, impairments or health conditions, including requesting alternative formats, can be found on our [Accessibility](#) information page or by getting in touch with us at disclosure@leeds.ac.uk.

Criminal record information

Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974

A criminal record check is not required for this position. However, all applicants will be required to declare if they have any 'unspent' criminal offences, including those pending. Any offer of appointment will be in accordance with our Criminal Records policy. You can find out more about required checks and declarations in our [Criminal Records](#) information page.

