

# **EDINBURGH INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE FESTIVAL**

## **Job Description**

### **JOB IDENTIFICATION**

**Job title:** Artist's Assistant

**Responsible to:** Festival Staff Manager and Jason Hackenwerth

**Last Update:** January 2018

### **JOB PURPOSE**

As an Artist's Assistant you will be contracted by the Edinburgh International Science Festival to work directly for Jason Hackenwerth during the installation of his balloon sculpture at the National Museum of Scotland. The contract will be for 6-7 days during the period of 31<sup>st</sup> March-7<sup>th</sup> April. You will assist with the construction of the installation, which will be the largest visual spectacle the Science Festival has ever seen.

### **KEY RESULT AREAS**

- To contribute to the construction of Event horizon, the Jason Hackenwerth installation
- To assist in the preparation of the sculpture
- Application of previous skills and knowledge
- Development of your own skills in innovative sculpture techniques

### **MAIN TASKS**

- Partaking in the construction of the Event Horizon installation in the National Museum of Scotland
- Adapting to the requirements of Jason Hackenwerth in order to develop your own skills and use innovative sculpture techniques
- Preparing and assisting in putting together the balloon sculpture materials – this will include extensive work with balloons
- Using intricate techniques to create the impressive installation which will remain in the Grand Gallery for 2 weeks after construction.

### **COMMUNICATIONS AND RELATIONSHIPS**

#### **Internal:**

- Jason Hackenwerth throughout the project to assist with any requirements he needs.
- Other assistants in order to create a cohesive team.
- Festival Staff Manager and other festival staff for logistics and scheduling.

**External:**

- Members of the public who will be enquiring about the installation
- National Museum of Scotland staff
- Science Festival staff working on other projects at the museum

**KNOWLEDGE, TRAINING, EXPERIENCE, TECHNICAL SKILLS AND COMPETENCIES REQUIRED**

We are looking for outgoing people who are excellent communicators and have artistic skill which will contribute to the construction of the Event Horizon installation at the National Museum of Scotland. Previous experience in sculpture or innovative artistic techniques would be beneficial but is not essential. However, passion is the key and an ability to work hard while retaining a good sense of humour:

**Essential:**

- Artistic background
- Enthusiasm for the work of Jason Hackenwerth <http://www.jasonhackenwerth.com/>
- Good communication skills
- Ability to follow construction instructions
- Ability to work as part of a team
- Ability to work to a deadline

**Desirable:**

- Some scientific knowledge or interest in scientific subjects
- Experience creating artistic installations
- Experience working with balloons

**FURTHER INFORMATION**

**Rate of pay:** Artist's Assistants rate of pay will be £8.45 per hour; you will be expected to work full time hours between the dates; 31 March – 5 or 6 April.

**Documents Needed:** If successful in your application we would need you to be ready to provide the following documents to the office immediately;

- Scan of your current passport
- Payroll Form (we will supply)
- P46 (we will supply a pdf)

- Signed Contract (we will supply)

**Important Dates:** Please note you must be available on all dates listed in order to apply for the post.

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE: FRIDAY 16<sup>th</sup> FEB 5PM**

**INTERVIEW DATE: THURSDAY 1 MAR**