

# HORNIMAN MUSEUM

Job Title: Conservator (Contract)

Section: Collections Conservation & Care

Responsible to: Head Collections Conservation & Care

Duration of Contract: 4 months

Time: February - May 2010

Liases with: Collections Conservation & Care, Exhibitions, Collections Management, Curatorial staff and other staff as required

Location: Horniman Museum at Forest Hill and at the Study Collections Centre (SCC) at East Greenwich as required.

## **Main purpose of Job**

To assist the Head of Collections Conservation & Care primarily in assessing, condition reporting and conserving specimens designated for display for exhibitions on Bali and The Body Adorned, and assisting with the mounting and installation of the Tuareg textile display.

## **Main responsibilities:**

### **Collections Care & Management (80%)**

- Undertake conservation assessments, condition reports and conservation and repair of objects as required according to designated lists and methods already devised.
- Assist with environmental monitoring and assessment of conditions towards the Environmental Control Strategic Study Review (ECSSR).

### **Record Keeping/Compliance with Legislation (20%)**

- Carry out all duties in accordance with the Health & Safety at Work Act, COSHH, and other statutory requirements and agreed safe working practices. Assist in the use of the freezer unit or pest control.
- Operate and maintain conservation documentation.

## **Person Criteria**

1. A recognised qualification in objects conservation with skills and experience in the conservation of a wide range of specimens in a museum environment.
2. Practical knowledge, skills and experience in assessing and conserving a wide range of organic and inorganic objects and materials.
3. Demonstrate the knowledge and skills to understand and implement laboratory procedures and safe working practices particularly in relation to H&S at work regulations and COSHH
4. Ability to operate computerised data retrieval systems.
5. Demonstrate the ability to work as part of an interdisciplinary team
6. Demonstrate the ability to work independently, without close supervision, and to within tight deadlines
7. An understanding of, and a commitment to the principles of diversity as they relate to the role.

## **NIS Disclosure required**

18 December 2009