

“KNITTING THE HERRING” Project Coordinator

The Scottish Fisheries Museum has secured funding through Fife LEADER for an exciting project to develop the role of the Museum in instigating work towards the National Gansey Network, with the Museum leading on developing a National Gansey Collection. A gansey is a knitted sweater worn by fisherman using traditional techniques and patterns.

The Museum is looking to recruit someone to co-ordinate this year-long project, although we anticipate this being the pilot for an ongoing project with a strong legacy involving ganseys in association with experts such as Di Gilpin, leading to a proposed ‘Festival of Ganseys’.

The project has secured funding for:

1. Creation and management of a Gansey Knitting Network
2. Creation of a National Gansey Collection
3. Recruitment of volunteers to assist institutions in recording and documenting ganseys leading to an online database
4. Development of gansey yarn
5. Development of bespoke gansey patterns, design, labels and branding
6. A major launch event
7. Related marketing through a website, social media and press releases
8. Coordination of workshops and exhibitions at a significant number of institutions (*circa* 18) across Scotland and England, from the Outer Hebrides to Norfolk
9. Evaluation of project progress with the above aims, focussing on the above aims as well as community engagement across a wide geographical area

We are seeking a person to lead this project and they must have the following range of diverse skills:

- a) A strong and committed work ethic to take the project forward and report to a steering group

- b) Clear and demonstrable project management skills, including managing budgets
- c) Evidence of working with and an ability to enthuse volunteers and community groups with an engaging personality
- d) An interest in fishing heritage and ideally fishermen's knitwear, including materials and terminology
- e) Experience of event planning and delivery, including marketing requirements
- f) A sound knowledge of IT and related skills in order to commission and manage websites, contribute to social media and blogs as well as producing written material for publication and other media
- g) An ability to work in a project which will be delivered in phased payments
- h) A desire to put ganseys on the map and in the news!

The person will require a flexible approach to work with no fixed hours as required by the project, an ability to drive and access to a vehicle. Remuneration will be made on delivery agreed milestones and targets within the agreed budget limits which include costed travel expenses.

Please send a CV with covering letter explaining why you are interested to:

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The closing date for applications is **Friday 25th October** and we will be looking for someone to start around 11th November.