



PENDLE RADICALS

Project Manager

2019 to 2022

Mid Pennine Arts seeks an experienced, versatile and energetic Project Manager for this exciting arts and heritage project. The successful candidate will coordinate day to day management of all aspects of the Pendle Radicals project, with close support from the MPA team.

About MPA

MPA is Lancashire's unique arts charity, developing projects in partnerships throughout the county. MPA brings arts and heritage together in programmes that engage local communities and enrich Lancashire's offer as a distinctive cultural destination.

MPA projects often celebrate rural areas eg recent major projects promoting the Forest of Bowland AONB for its 50th anniversary. Elsewhere, we are currently developing an innovative heritage destination for the area around Whitworth, *Spodden Valley Revealed*, with HLF support, and also working with Lancashire County Council to engage communities with their new network of greenway routes.

For this project, **Pendle Radicals**, we are contributing to an ambitious, multi-partner strategic programme focused on the area around the iconic Pendle Hill.

Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership

The Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership scheme (PHLP) is a programme of activity that seeks to reconnect people with their landscape, safeguard wildlife and heritage and improve people's access - both physically and intellectually - to what is a nationally protected area.

Led by the Forest of Bowland AONB and made possible by investment from the National Lottery Heritage Fund, the programme, launched in 2018 and continuing to 2022, provides opportunities for training and volunteering; restores important landscape features; supports research and develops innovative interpretation to inspire a new generation about heritage.

The scheme is being delivered through more than a dozen individual projects, led by a variety of organisations. MPA is leading one strand, the exciting cultural heritage project entitled Pendle Radicals.

Pendle Radicals

Pendle Radicals is an exploration of Pendle Hill's heritage of radical thinkers and nonconformists, from investigation through creative interpretation to celebration events. We aim to engage with a wide range of local people of all ages, but especially with young people. Creating a legacy of greater understanding and new artefacts, the project will bring history to life, infuse familiar locations with new meaning and build pride of place.

Introduced in April 2018, the project is developing a wide variety of work and will run to March 2022. Further details of our activity so far can be found on the project web pages:

<http://midpenninearts.org.uk/programmes/pendle-radicals/>

A dedicated web presence for the project is in development. The project blog also offers a glimpse of some of the volunteer contributions to the work so far:

<https://pendleradicals.wordpress.com/>

Our Facebook invitation group for volunteers to share their discoveries, Radicals Research Team, already numbers 40 participants.

The Role

The Project Manager will work closely with the Creative Director at MPA, and will make periodic reports to a liaison group of PHLP partners. The PM will deliver the programme detailed in the Project Plan and now taking shape, with support from the MPA team and partners. Key tasks include:

- Manage the design, installation and promotion of the Radicals Trail as set out in the proposal documents.
- Continue to build and support a core group of project volunteers, who will be champions for the project and will drive the research, fieldwork and exploration that will inform our programme.
- Develop links to a wide range of local groups and through them maximise participation in the project, especially of young people.
- Commission artists, historians, archivists and other specialist contributors to deliver high quality contributions to the programme.
- Organise and manage a programme of participatory sessions, training, learning and public events as detailed in the Project Plan.
- Seek further additional sources of income wherever possible, and help ensure that match funding targets are met and exceeded.
- Ensure activity is documented and recorded in order to maintain a lasting record of the project and to enable effective evaluation.
- Manage final evaluation of the project with the participation of a range of participants and partners.
- Work with the MPA team to ensure that reporting to funders is completed efficiently and on time.

The Opportunity

We are offering this as a freelance or part-time contract for the rest of the project lifetime, renewable annually, with a minimum commitment of one day per week. We have discovered already, though, that the project can benefit from greater investment of time. With LEADER funding for creation of the Radicals Trail over autumn 2019, we can now offer up to 3 days per week over these next four to six months, flexible and to be agreed according to availability and need. Beyond that date, working days will be dependent on success with further funding but will be arranged on that baseline of one day per week.

The role is payable at £120 per day equivalent, for an experienced and versatile individual.

Person Specification

The successful candidate will evidence a number of core skills:

- Substantial experience of managing complex or extended projects.
- Experience of working with a wide variety of people.
- Experience in provision of training and/or learning opportunities.
- Experience in commissioning artists and other professionals, especially in landscape or rural settings.
- Accustomed to building partnerships and working collaboratively.
- Excellent written communication skills, and ability to produce convincing funding proposals and project reports.
- Highly organised, capable of multi-tasking and prioritising a busy workload.
- A self-starter able to identify opportunities and realise them.
- A team player who will enjoy working collaboratively within the MPA team.
- An understanding of the Pendle Hill geographical area and socio-economic context or of comparable communities elsewhere.

Additional specialisms, desirable but not essential, would be particularly valuable to the project:

- Interest or experience in social and political history and heritage, or the particular subject matter of Pendle Radicals.
- Experience of working with archives and other relevant source material.
- Experience of oral histories or other means of capturing original source material.
- Creative, teaching or presentational skills that might contribute to the programme of work.

How to Apply

Please apply, using our standard job application form to highlight your most relevant experience and your reasons for wanting to work with MPA and the Pendle Hill programme. You can attach an up to date CV, and a covering letter if you wish. Please submit by email only to:

melanie@midpenninearts.org.uk

Closing Date:	Wed 28 August at 5pm
Interview Dates:	Week beginning Mon 2 September



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