



Curator - Crafts on Peel

About Crafts on Peel

Crafts on Peel is a charitable non-profit foundation dedicated to reviving, reinterpreting, and perpetuating the traditional craftsmanship of Hong Kong. Our primary goal is to provide a platform for craftspeople and artisans, fostering dialogue and collaborations between traditional craftsmen and contemporary artists both domestically and internationally. Through the exchange of crafts, we create opportunities for the transfer of skills and knowledge to nurture the younger generation, incorporating traditional craft techniques into innovative contemporary designs.

Our foundation boasts a unique value proposition, specializing in the integration of traditional crafts into projects for corporate clients. Acting as a matchmaker, we facilitate collaborations between skilled craftspeople and contemporary artisans, resulting in the creation of distinctive and impactful craft-centric artworks and installations that enhance the value and aesthetic appeal of each project.

Job Description

As a Curator at Crafts on Peel, you will play a crucial role in curating and revitalizing the rich heritage of traditional crafts while aligning with our foundation's value proposition. Working closely with the Creative Director, artisans, clients and the foundation's team, you will curate innovative and captivating exhibitions that seamlessly incorporate traditional crafts into various projects. Your expertise in curating craft-centric artworks and installations will enable our clients to forge meaningful connections, foster creativity and make a positive social impact.

Here are the major responsibilities that this role will include:

- Develop and implement exhibition concepts and themes that align with our foundation's value proposition and the specific requirements of each project.
- Research and identify skilled traditional craftspeople and contemporary artisans whose work can be effectively integrated into different projects.
- Collaborate with clients to curate craft-centric art pieces and installations that enhance the value and aesthetic appeal of each project.
- Manage our foundation's collection, ensuring that the artworks are suitable for integration into various project contexts.
- Conduct thorough research on the historical, cultural and artistic context of traditional crafts, providing educational and interpretive materials for project teams and clients.
- Collaborate with the foundation's team to develop educational programs, workshops and events that promote the integration of traditional crafts into various projects.
- Stay updated on current global trends, advancements and innovations in traditional crafts and related fields, ensuring the incorporation of the latest techniques and approaches.
- Assist in fundraising efforts, grant writing and donor stewardship to support our foundation's mission and activities.

Requirements

- A bachelor's degree in Art History, Architecture, Cultural Management, or a related field. A master's degree is highly desirable.
- Proven experience as a Curator, or minimum 5 years of experience in a similar role within a gallery, museum or cultural institution, with a focus on integrating traditional crafts or cultural elements into projects.
- In-depth knowledge and understanding of traditional craft techniques, materials and their integration into various projects.
- Strong project management, research and analytical skills to identify and contextualize traditional crafts and artisans suitable for integration.
- Excellent organizational abilities, with the capacity to manage multiple projects, prioritize tasks and meet project deadlines.
- Proficiency in exhibition design and curation, ensuring the seamless integration of craft-centric artworks and installations into project contexts.
- Proficiency in copywriting, bilingual translation (English and Chinese), cataloging, oral history recording, archiving and documenting artworks, with a keen eye for detail and accuracy.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills, with the ability to collaborate effectively with all stakeholders.
- A deep passion for reinterpreting and perpetuating traditional crafts in the modern artistic context, with a strong understanding of their value proposition in project integration.
- Familiarity with fundraising, grant writing, and donor stewardship is a plus.
- Flexibility and adaptability to thrive in a dynamic and collaborative team environment.

Working Hours

Five full days a week, Tuesday – Saturday, 10 am – 7 pm

Application

Joining Crafts on Peel as a Curator presents a unique opportunity to contribute to the integration of traditional crafts into projects, collaborate with skilled artisans and make a positive social impact. If you are a dedicated and creative professional with a profound passion for traditional crafts and their integration, we invite you to apply and become an integral part of our team.

To apply, please submit your resume stating your date of availability, current and expected salary, with a cover letter and a portfolio showcasing your curatorial projects to penelope@craftsonpeel.com.