

Candidate Pack

Senior Marketing and Press Officer

Full Time, 40 hrs per week
Permanent Contract



Introduction

The Wallace Collection is an internationally outstanding collection which contains unsurpassed masterpieces of paintings, sculpture, furniture, arms and armour and porcelain. Built over the 18th and 19th centuries by the Marquesses of Hertford and Sir Richard Wallace, it is one of the finest and most celebrated collections in the world. So that it could be kept together and enjoyed by generations of visitors, the collection was given to the British Nation in 1897 and opened to the public in June 1900. It was an astonishing bequest and one of the greatest gifts of art works ever to be transferred into public ownership. The museum is internationally famous for its collection of French 18th-century art, Arms and Armour and for its Old Master paintings.

The museum is managed by the Director Dr Xavier Bray, who reports to a board of Trustees appointed by the Prime Minister, and is financed by a combination of grant-in-aid from central government and self-generated income.

We aim to engage with and diversify our audience and, before the pandemic, we attracted over 500,000 visitors a year to the museum.



Our priorities

The Collection is committed to providing access to as wide a public as possible and to helping visitors engage with this diversity. Our goal is to create a place of understanding, cultural pluralism, curiosity and learning. To do this, we plan to create a world-class visitor experience for all ages which stimulates engagement with our collection through a new programme of exhibitions, major gallery refurbishments and an enhanced and expanded digital presence.

Our strategic priorities are to:

- To maintain, research and preserve the Collection for future generations;
- To broaden and deepen visitor engagement, connecting with audiences onsite and digitally;
- To build and support a strong exhibition programme;
- To lay a strong financial foundation for the future;
- To embark upon a Masterplan programme to transform the museum.



Digital and Audiences at the Wallace Collection

The Digital and Audiences Department has three key aims:

- To develop an engaging and inclusive Learning programme, ensuring that all audiences (both in person and online) maximise their engagement with the Collection in the most meaningful and relevant ways to the individual;
- To constantly evolve and advance the Collection's digital presence and infrastructure to ensure efficient operations, to allow the museum to communicate effectively online, to better understand its audience and to expand its digital reach.
- To enact dynamic and effective marketing and PR strategies to maximise engagement across social and web channels, print and out-of-home media. We champion audience development, promote exhibitions and drive footfall to the museum.

The Digital and Audiences Department enables people of all ages to develop a greater understanding and enjoyment of art. Through a wide range of opportunities that combine discussion, observation and creative activities, learning programmes aim to inspire primary and secondary students and teachers, children and their families, adults and young people, and our diverse communities. The department also delivers accessible events for children and adults with SEND, and for D/deaf and visually-impaired people. Its extensive outreach programmes connect with older people living in residential care as well as children and adults in long-term hospital care. And its growing range of downloadable resources support self-directed learning in the classroom and at home.

The Department also undertakes effective management of the Collection's digital systems including its CRM, website and CMS, ticketing system and participation in the global Bloomberg Connects app for smartphones, enabling the Collection to maximise its digital potential and its engagement with audiences online.

We also present the Collection to the world and aim to increase and sustain audience engagement, encouraging new and repeat, and real and virtual visitors. We achieve this through a broad spectrum of marketing, press/PR activity and targeted campaigns. We support the Collection's revenue streams including exhibitions, retail and events.

Role summary

To develop and grow the Collection's physical and digital audiences through targeted marketing, influencer and press campaigns, with specific focus on exhibitions, revenue programming and emerging strategic objectives. Collaborate with internal colleagues and external partners to successfully platform content, secure new marketing opportunities, forge stronger relationships with press, and cultivate online communities.

This role reports to the Head of Digital and Audiences.



Role description

Marketing and Influencer Campaigns

- With the Head of Digital and Audiences and contracted media agencies, conceive and deliver effective marketing campaigns including media planning across print, digital, OOH and onsite.
- Conceive, write and schedule engaging paid and promoted social content to support the Collection's exhibitions, revenue programming and emerging strategic objectives.
- Conceive and deliver paid partnership and organic influencer campaigns.
- Seek opportunities to work with external partners on reciprocal social media/PR initiatives.
- Work with audience insights colleagues and visitor data to ensure campaigns are tailored and effective in attracting target audiences and underpinning the Audience Development Strategy.
- Manage media requests including facilitating photoshoots, filming and image requests.
- Secure listings and other media coverage for the Collection's exhibitions and programmes.

Press

- Working closely with the Collection's press agency, cultivate relationships with key press and media contacts including editors, journalists, freelancer writers and photographers.
- Plan and manage press views and early press for the Collection's exhibitions and displays.
- Manage the Collection's Press inbox, responding to enquiries for information and images.

Owned Channels and Assets

- Conceive, write and deliver engaging organic content for the Collection's social channels, commissioning new and varied content when feasible.
- Write, design and schedule the Collection's regular subscriber e-news; coordinate and oversee the wider e-news portfolio for the Collection, ensuring consistency of brand and voice.
- Be proactive in identifying new content opportunities, working with the wider Digital and Audience team to shape and create new written and filmed content for social and web.
- Manage the Collection's online communities on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, facilitating conversations and identifying and resolving queries/DMs.
- Manage stakeholder relationships across the Collection, ensuring consistency with brand and visual identity.

General

- Design and edit marketing material where feasible.
- Collate and prepare relevant KPIs and other statistical data, and maintain and improve administrative systems to ensure effective recordkeeping and easy retrieval of information.
- Record budgetary spend and maintain accurate invoice and payment records; uphold the department's Service Agreement framework.
- Ensure proactive compliance with the Collection's policies.
- Undertake other appropriate duties as reasonably directed by the Collection.



Person specification

Essential

- Extensive experience of conceiving and delivering effective marketing campaigns for an audience/client-focused organisation, preferably within the culture/heritage/voluntary sector.
- Demonstrable experience of working with press and media agencies and/or working directly with press contacts and delivering media planning.
- Demonstrable experience of social platform management and online community cultivation.
- Experience of writing engaging promotional copy and/or press releases.
- Excellent written and verbal communication; ability to communicate clearly and effectively.
- Highly-developed interpersonal skills with the ability to work with a wide range of individuals.
- Strong time management skills with an ability to plan effectively and manage competing priorities successfully.
- Ability to problem-solve and work on own initiative without close supervision.
- Good knowledge of Mailchimp and Later/social scheduling tools, as well as mainstream design software e.g. InDesign and administrative packages including CRMs, Microsoft Office365 and Zoom.

Desirable

- Experience of contributing to Audience Development strategies and in content creation.



Salary, benefits and working hours

The salary for this post is between £34,500 to £39,000 per annum dependent on skills and experience.

In addition, the post-holder will receive 25 days paid annual leave plus bank holidays and 2.5 'privilege' days. Employees are also offered the following benefits:

- **Membership of an Occupational Pension Scheme**
Alpha – a defined benefit occupational pension scheme (28.97%)
Partnership pension account – a stakeholder pension
- **Eye Tests**
- **Occupational Health Service**
- **Annual Flu Jab**
- **Employee Assistance Programme**
Services available 24/7 and 365 days per year to all employees
Free therapy service of up to six sessions per issue, per year (each session lasts 45-50 minutes)
- **First Aiders**
- **Access to Mental Health First Aiders**
- **Parental Leave**
- **Training and Development Opportunities**

For this post, the normal working week is a five-day week, Monday to Friday. The normal working day will be 09.00 to 17.00. However, flexibility will be required to work outside of normal working hours when necessary.

How to apply

Please complete the Application Form, and the Equal Opportunities Monitoring Form, following the links provided on our website. Please note the equal opportunities form is used for monitoring purposes only and does not form part of the selection process. Both forms should be emailed to recruitment@wallacecollection.org by midnight **10/07/2025**. Please note late applications or applications via a CV will not be considered.

Interviews for the role will take place on week commencing, **14/07/2025**. Candidates who have been shortlisted for interview will be contacted after the closing date. Due to the large number of applications we receive, it will not be possible to contact or give feedback to candidates who have not been shortlisted for interview.

Start date: As soon as possible

Appointment to the role is subject to a satisfactory Basic Disclosure check. The Wallace Collection is an equal opportunities employer and welcomes applications from all sections of the community.



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