



Technical Services Zero-Hour Worker Pool

Description of Role

The V&A is a family of museums dedicated to the power of creativity. Our mission is to champion design and creativity in all its forms, advance cultural knowledge, and inspire makers, creators, and innovators everywhere. We share a 5,000-year-old story of creativity through exhibitions, events, educational programmes, digital experiences, conservation, research, and an ever-evolving national collection of over 2.8m objects spanning every creative discipline.

The mission of the Collections Care and Access division is to manage, preserve, and provide access to the V&A's collection in both physical and digital format, working across multiple V&A sites, at South Kensington, Bethnal Green and in Stratford. The division is made up of the following departments: Conservation, Technical Services, Collections Management, Photography and Digitisation and Collections Access.

The Technical services department brings excellence and innovation to the long-term care of the V&A's collections, supporting access to the collections and delivering the V&A's public programme.

We are looking to expand our pool of freelance art handlers, and looking for people who are interested in working with us for short-term project work supporting the installation, deinstallation, loan packing and framing artworks for loans and temporary exhibitions and displays. Tasks will include:

- Install/deinstall of objects for display and temporary exhibitions
- Framing of artworks for loan, display, and exhibitions
- Working towards the realisation of the V&A East Storehouse and East Museum openings in 2025

Early-career technicians with commercial experience and general object knowledge and handling are encouraged to apply. You will be able to demonstrate practical skills in a busy installation setting and be able to work in a collaborative, understanding, and engaging way.

Our current departmental structure is divided into three teams. Two install teams and one workshop-based team. All three teams work across every specialism at all V&A sites. We are interested in hearing from individuals specialising in:

- Large scale exhibition installation
- Art storage
- Loan object packing

Those working on zero hours contracts for the V&A have no exclusivity contract and are free to secure work elsewhere. Remuneration can be expected to fall at £21 per hour. Holiday pay will be paid on top of the hourly rate (12.7%) and eligibility to enter a pension scheme also applies.

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