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V&A South Kensington  
Assistant Curator, Metalwork

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<b>Reports to</b>	Curator of Metalwork, 1900-Now
<b>Department</b>	Decorative Art and Sculpture
<b>Line Management</b>	None
<b>Principal Location</b>	V&A South Kensington
<b>Hours</b>	36 hours per week
<b>Salary</b>	£27,528- £31,854
<b>Work pattern</b>	Full-time, Monday- Friday
<b>Contract</b>	12 months







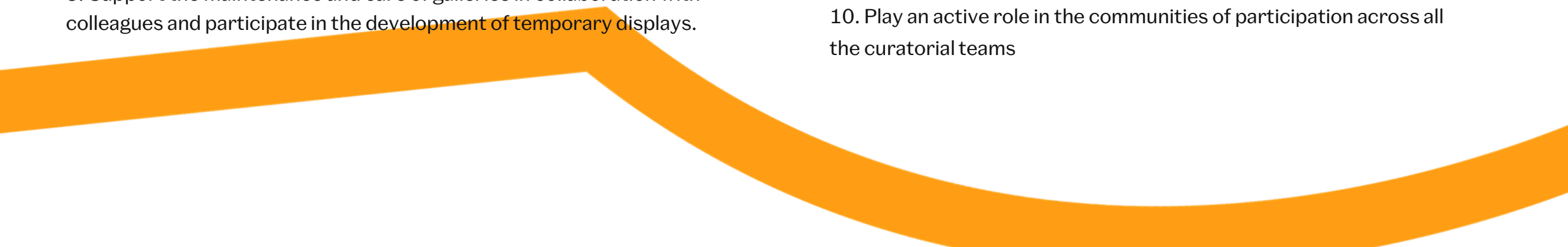
# Who we are

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**.

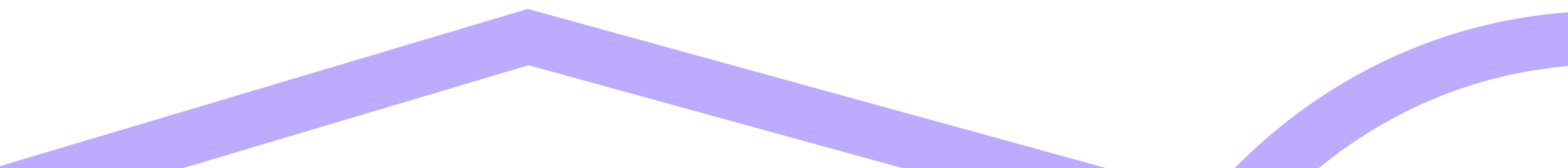
This is one of seven Assistant Curator posts that sit in the Decorative Art and Sculpture Department. The main purpose of the job is to provide curatorial support in the development, care, documentation and research, presentation and interpretation of the V&A Metalwork Collection. The postholder will also play a role in the wider work of the V&A, contributing to policy, projects and public programmes and supporting fundraising and income generation. This is a wide-ranging role in which the postholder will be able to develop their skills in all **aspects** of museum curation.

# About the role

The main purpose of the job is to provide curatorial support in the development, care, documentation and research, presentation and interpretation of a part of the V&A Metalwork Collection.

1. Develop knowledge of the V&A's metalwork collection and an understanding of the Museum's collection management systems.
  2. Extend knowledge of the collections through day-to-day handling of objects, taking responsibility for object movement and appropriate documentation and collection care.
  3. Undertake cataloguing, documentation and digitisation of collections.
  4. Contribute to loans in and out programmes, deal with public enquiries and assist in providing public access to the collection.
  5. Support the maintenance and care of galleries in collaboration with colleagues and participate in the development of temporary displays.
  6. Participate in the development of material for publication in print and online, developing strong narratives and engaging storytelling to engage broad audiences with the collection.
  7. Collaborate with colleagues in Learning on the development of their programmes, contributing content as required.
  8. Understand museum policies, strategies and priorities and develop awareness of developments in the wider museum community.
  9. Assist with the supervision of any volunteers or interns supporting curatorial activity.
  10. Play an active role in the communities of participation across all the curatorial teams
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# What we're looking for

- Demonstrable relevant learning from work experience, study, and/or a knowledge or interest in metalwork.
  - Demonstrable interest in, and enthusiasm for telling stories about collections through temporary and permanent collection displays, exhibitions, publications, learning and engagement. An interest in opening up the collections to a broader audience.
  - Demonstrable knowledge or interest in the history of art, design and performance.
  - Experience of handling materials with care and sensitivity to their physical properties.
  - Good time management skills and ability to manage multiple tasks.
  - Ability to communicate knowledge of specialist field to a range of audiences with a relevant communication style.
  - Demonstrable computer skills and ability to manage information systematically and accurately with a keen attention to detail.
  - Highly motivated and able to demonstrate initiative.
  - Enjoys collaborating as part of a team and able to work flexibly and calmly under pressure.
  - Shares our Values of Sustainability, Equity, Creativity, Collaboration & Generosity
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# Why work here

We strive to integrate **equality, diversity, and inclusion** consistently and naturally into all our activities.

We are proud to be an **open, tolerant, and diverse** organisation. We want to do more to welcome a broader audience and develop a more diverse workforce.

We work closely with our **staff networks** to develop our employee experience.

The V&A values are **Equity, Sustainability, Generosity, Collaboration and Creativity.**

We are committed to a strict **zero tolerance policy on any discrimination, harassment or bullying.**

## **Disability Confident**

We are committed to guaranteeing an interview for applicants who declare they have a disability and meet the minimum criteria for the role.



# What we offer you

- **29** days of holiday + public holidays each year
- **5.5%** employee pension contribution, **10%** employer pension contribution (*post-probation*)
- Life assurance scheme (*to value of 4 x annual salary*)
- Family-friendly policies e.g. enhanced maternity + paid carers leave
- An interest-free loan for a travelcard, bike, or for a deposit if you're renting (*post-probation*)
- Free sanitary products for all employees across our sites
- Free entrance to many major museums and exhibitions
- Benefits platform offering discounts at major retailers
- Socials events, such as staff summer and Christmas parties
- An Employee Assistance Programme – free and confidential services to provide support
- Tickets to V&A exhibitions for you, your friends or family + 25% discount on V&A shops and cafes





# What next

**Apply here**

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**Application Deadline**

13<sup>th</sup> April

We operate anonymous shortlisting at the V&A. This means that the manager cannot see your name, contact information, or equality data when shortlisting your application.

We are a Disability Confident Employer offering guaranteed interviews to those who declare their disability and meet the job criteria under the Disability Confident Scheme.

**Interview/Assessment days** 29<sup>th</sup> April

**Potential Start Date** 9<sup>th</sup> June

**Any Questions?**

Contact our Recruitment team at [careers@vam.ac.uk](mailto:careers@vam.ac.uk)





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