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Brief for Tender

Freelance Consultant, Welsh Curriculum Consultation & Training for Museums

Role:	Freelance Consultant, Welsh Curriculum Consultation & Training for Museums
Location:	Remote/working from home
Fee:	£3,000
Status:	Freelance Consultancy
Reporting to:	Rachel Tranter, Director, GEM
Period of contract:	September 2021 – January 2022

1. Background

Group for Education in Museums (GEM) is the UK's national support organisation for learning in museums and heritage organisations. We aim to support and empower people interested in museum and heritage learning, to connect and develop their knowledge and skills to deliver heritage learning opportunities.

From September 2022 the Welsh Government will implement the new Curriculum for Wales in primary and secondary schools across the country. GEM has secured a grant from the Welsh Government's Museums, Archives and Libraries Division (MALD) to undertake a Welsh Curriculum Consultation, for museums in Wales.

The project entails work to better understand and support the workforce development needs of Welsh museums, enabling them to make the most of the learning opportunities offered through the new curriculum.

We recognise that the new emphasis on direct experience provides great opportunities to increase the number of school visits (digitally and physically) to museums and heritage organisations in Wales. Initial consultation with the museum and heritage sector indicates that training and support regarding the new curriculum is welcome. To ensure this support and training is relevant, we propose to commission this project to:

- Consult with a range of Welsh museums to determine existing levels of understanding and awareness regarding the new Welsh Curriculum and to identify needs and deliver training
- Understand the needs of the formal education sector in relation to museum curriculum support by consulting with LA education networks and schools in Wales

2. Objectives

An experienced consultant is required to deliver this Welsh Curriculum Consultation and resulting report. The consultant will conduct the following tasks:

i. Consultation:

Consult museums (including Local Authority, University, Independent and National) across Wales to identify training and support needs to deliver the new Welsh Curriculum.

Consult the formal education sector in Wales (including or via the regional School Improvement Consortia Wales, education networks and schools) to identify support needs and opportunities for implementation of the new curriculum through museums and heritage organisations

ii. Training:

As an element of this consultation, the GEM team anticipates the consultant will hold at least one training event incorporating teachers and museum educators so as to explore commonalities, challenges and opportunities for future training and roll-out

iii. Resulting Recommendations:

Recommendations for any future skills development, training and support to deliver the new curriculum in the Welsh museums, galleries and heritage sector.

3. Selection Criteria

We require demonstrable experience and knowledge as follows:

Essential criteria

- Demonstrable knowledge of the new curriculum developments to date
- Demonstrable knowledge of museum/heritage education pedagogy
- Proven track record of museums/heritage consultation
- Proven track record of designing and delivering professional development
- Proven track record of delivering projects on time and to budget
- Demonstrable verbal and written communication skills
- Demonstrable knowledge of the museum sector in Wales
- Demonstrable knowledge of the formal education sector, with particular reference to the Welsh context.

Desirable

- Ability to speak and write Welsh
- Active networks within the Welsh museum sector
- Good understanding of Welsh Government policies and priorities

4. Timetable

- Closing date for applications is Monday 13th September 2021
- Candidates will be shortlisted by a panel made up of Rachel Tranter, GEM Director, and GEM Cymru representatives and notified regarding interview dates & times.

- The work should begin late September / early October 2021.
- Final draft of recommendations delivered by 31 January 2022.

5. Budget

The total amount available is £3,000 including VAT for the consultation, training and recommendations.

Suggested payment will be 50% upon appointment and 50% upon receipt of the recommendations and presentation of findings.

6. Proposal

Your proposal to undertake this project should include:

- CV experience/credentials for yourself/whoever will deliver each brief component
- Examples of similar projects undertaken
- A methodology of how you propose to meet the requirements of the brief
- A programme indicating how you would deliver the project, including precise number of days allocated to each task and key milestones.
- The cost breakdown
- Details of two referees for whom you have done similar work

Deadline for receipt of proposals is Monday 13th September 2021.

Please email your submission to Rachel Tranter, Gem Director at rachel@gem.org.uk

For an informal chat about the project, please contact Rachel Tranter, GEM Director at rachel@gem.org.uk