

## Shadow Curator Internship 2012

Applications deadline: Fri 10 February 2012, 12 pm  
Interview Date: Fri 17 February 2012

Deveron Arts / *the town is the venue* is looking for a dynamic and motivated Intern to assist in curating and arts development through the Shadow Curator methodology.

We are looking for people with a proven interest in developing a career in socially engaged / collaborative arts development and curating. Experience will be offered in all forms of curatorial development, arts administration and event organisation through training and opportunities for critical engagement.

Duration: six months, full time; April - September 2012. Base: Huntly, Aberdeenshire.  
Fee: £10000 (per rata)

A travel/training budget and accommodation will be provided.  
Apply with a letter outlining your interest and send a CV (clearly marked with your file name) to:

Anna Vermehren

[anna@deveron-arts.com](mailto:anna@deveron-arts.com)

or by post to Deveron Arts, The Studio, Brander Building, The Square, Huntly, AB54 8BR, 01466 794494.

**Scheduled interview date: Fri 17 February 2012, in person or via Skype**

# Shadow Curator Intern

## Objectives of the Internship

'*Shadow Curator*' is a methodological concept first developed by Portuguese Curator Nuno Sacramento (PhD) that strives to strengthen the mission of the art institution and its 'appointed' curators' practice similar to the political model of the Shadow MP (Members of Parliament).

To advance both our work on the ground locally, as well as our ambitions to develop a workable model for the collaborative visual arts we are looking to complement our programme through implementing an Internship Programme, that is based on the *Shadow Curator* methodology. For this we want to invite recent graduates/young curators with a keen and proven interest in working with social engagement and community collaboration to be in residence with us for six months at a time.

Similarly to the Shadow MP and the senior *Shadow Curator/Producer*, the *Shadow Curator* Intern would scrutinise the work of the curatorial team concerning the projects and proposals and would help to develop alternatives and improvements to our project programme (intergenerational / identity / environment and heritage) within the community.

The Shadow Curator Intern will be involved in all facets of daily operations and will be a vital part of the Deveron Arts team.

This is a unique training opportunity for young curators in Scotland, which allows for critical engagement and some own project development within a given context.

## Tasks

### Assistance in Curating

- To assist the Director in programming
- To contribute with ideas, advice and critique
- Active networking locally and further afield

### Hands on project assistance with all Deveron Arts projects

- Maintenance and update of project archives and reports
- Maintenance and development of Deveron Arts' social networking
- Booking venues
- Arranging meetings with the community
- Liaising with community groups and members
- Active role in developing the Town Collection

### Assistance with Marketing

- Assistance in the development and maintenance of website
- Assistance in Advertising
- Upkeep of data base

### **Requirements - essential**

- excellent administrative skills
- excellent drafting skills
- excellent IT handling skills
- be a good team worker, while having a strong ability to work on own initiative
- ability to work unsocial hours
- a keen interest in developing a career in socially engaged / collaborative curatorial practice.

### **Requirements - desired**

- ability to relate and work well with people from all walks of life, in particular Deveron Arts' main clients: artists of all disciplines and people living in the rural locality
- welcoming and assisting attitude towards artists and any other guests
- affinity and experience with the visual and other art forms
- The programme 2012/13 looks at the notion of 'hospitality' through slow travel, in particular 'walking'. An interest in walking would be of advantage.

### **Training**

Part of this position is the training in the specific methodology of the Shadow Curator developed by Deveron Arts as part of the *Town is the Venue* philosophy. Additional training opportunities can be discussed after appointment.

### **Reporting**

The Intern will report to the Director, Claudia Zeiske.

### **Remunerations/Conditions**

Fee: £10000 per annum (per rata)  
Accommodation

### **Working Hours, Benefits and Holiday Arrangements**

This is a full-time position: 40 hours per week.

Due to the nature of the work, the post requires to work flexible hours on occasions, to include unsocial and weekend times when events are happening.

The position is offered for 6 months; starting 1 April 2012

A probationary period of one month from issuing the contract applies.

An allowance of 15 days holidays are granted during the 6 month, to include public holidays.