

**Re-Visioning the Social,  
Natural and Built Environment**



## **Art Gene**

### **Arts Project & Development Manager**

*Barrow Borough is the No.1 Borough in England for the number and quality its natural heritage assets.*

*(Royal Society of Arts and Industry - Heritage Index, 2015 & 2016)*

#### **Salary:**

**£24 000 per annum - dependent on experience.**

**3-year fixed term (full time) contract. Based at Art Gene, Barrow in Furness, Cumbria.**

Art Gene is looking for an experienced **Arts Project & Development Manager**, to join our growing award winning team. The successful candidate will manage a current £1million suite of projects across the Islands and Bays of Barrow and Furness – Including Art Gene’s core projects and those of our Coastal Community Team.

(The Islands and Bays of Barrow and Furness Coastal Community Team is led and was established by Art Gene in 2016).

This **full time fixed term contract** is a core role facilitating Art Gene’s upcoming and developing work. A creative approach to project management and fundraising, enthusiasm and an ability to engage the public through immersive consultation events is essential.

This exciting role will build on and facilitate our existing partnerships with statutory bodies, individuals and communities Locally, Regionally and (Inter)nationally - uncovering and developing aspiration at a grass roots level within a glocal context.

The role will be central in helping us deliver visionary projects developing capital infrastructure and improved health impacts.

**The Arts Project & Development Manager**, will manage a suite of projects within a collaborative team, led by Art Gene’s artist co-founder directors Maddi Nicholson and Stuart Bastik and lead associate architect Charlie MacKeith.

Other team members will include Art Gene’s core administrative staff, our new *Landscape Engagement Manager* (to be appointed), freelance associate artists, designers, architects, and other specialists.

**The Arts Project & Development Manager** will work collaboratively with the team to design, plan, manage, publicise and deliver engagement activity and arts events. The role will involve planning,

evaluating, report writing, handling budgets and fundraising, to develop new strands of work to continue the role.

The project development and delivery, including events and working with the community, may be outside the 9 to 5 culture, on weekends and evenings. Driving, flexibility, responsiveness and an ability to manage one's own workload are key to the successful performance of Project Manager.

**Background:**

Barrow-in-Furness is rated 1st of all 325 English boroughs for the quantity and quality of its natural landscapes\*. Yet it is rated 299th for how these landscapes are used by locals and visitors. Barrow's amazing assets are set within the 2nd highest collection of deprived urban areas, the 5th highest health deficit in England.

Using these extraordinary facts a group of volunteers formed a Coastal Community Team (CCT) in 2015 and developed a 10 year plan to link the people of Barrow with their landscapes.

(<http://www.coastalcommunities.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/Barrow-Furness-CCT-Economic-Plan.pdf>).

The plan was used to secure funding to the end of 2019 for jobs and activities to deliver and develop the first stages of the plan.

This is a unique opportunity to create and develop a model for regeneration through landscaping and improved health. The role will develop current projects and work with a team to secure longer term research and engagement projects. The connection between improved health and access to natural and designed landscapes has been known for a long time. However, as the World Health Organisation stated in 2016 'knowledge on their effectiveness in relation to health, well-being and equity is incomplete'.

This provides the opportunity to develop groundbreaking research and activities of international significance. The landscape engagement manager will work as part of the CCT to test, inform and develop our outline plans to secure longer term funding.

• The Royal Society of Arts 'Heritage Index 2016'

<https://www.thersa.org/discover/videos/rsa-insights/the-heritage-index>

# Person Specification:

## Qualifications

- Education to degree level, or above

## Skills and Abilities

- A self-starter with the ability to initiate, plan, and implement their own workload
- A friendly, down to earth individual with a can-do attitude, a sense of humour, with good inter-personal and communication skills
- Able to work flexibly and responsively to meet the demands of the role
- Able to represent Art Gene and the Coastal Team
- An ability to communicate to different sectors: communities local government, artists, stakeholders and statutory bodies

## Experience

- Initiating, managing and leading projects
- Working successfully in both community and professional contexts
- Handling budgets
- A track record of successful fundraising
- Working in the visual arts, design or architecture, or an interest in extending into this area.

## Knowledge

- Project planning and management systems and techniques
- Engagement methodologies and understanding of current thinking, around 'engaged practice'
- Budget management
- Report writing
- Fundraising
- IT systems, preferably Apple Mac, including presentations, excel and word proficient.
- Social media email marketing and promotional techniques.

## Further

- CRB Checked, Enhanced disclosure. (Can be applied for after the role starts)
- Full driving licence and own vehicle
- Able to work evenings and weekends as required by the demands of programme delivery

**For more information:** Contact Norman Wild. [artgenenorman@btconnect.com](mailto:artgenenorman@btconnect.com)

**Links :** <http://www.art-gene.co.uk>

<http://www.art-gene.co.uk/project/coastal-communities-team>

<http://www.art-gene.co.uk/news/444k-coastal-communities-fund-barrow>

## Application Procedure

Supply letter of application with C.V, and biography and a statement detailing your interest in the role & how your knowledge and experience will add value to our projects.

Optional: Up to 6 images of recent work if applicable.

Email to: [artgenenorman@btconnect.com](mailto:artgenenorman@btconnect.com) by **9 am Monday 27th Nov 2017**

Or post to Art Gene, Bath Street, Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria. LA14 5TY

Shortlisted applicants will be **contacted by 1st Dec 2017** and invited for interview in Barrow-in-Furness on **7th Dec 2017**

