

Civic Universities Agreement: Arts, Culture, and Heritage Theme Lead for Loughborough University

The [Civic Universities Agreement](#) (CUA) is a commitment between De Montfort University, the University of Leicester, Loughborough University and the City and counties of Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland to work together in collaboration with our partners and the community for the benefit of local people and the prosperity of our places.

The CUA is organised under five themes:

- Education
- Arts, culture, and heritage
- Economy
- Environmental Sustainability
- Health, wellbeing, and sport

These theme groups, comprised of academic and professional experts from the partner organisations, collaborate with stakeholders to work towards the delivery of the objectives in the agreement.

Loughborough University is seeking an academic colleague to take on the role of Loughborough's institutional lead for the Arts, Culture, and Heritage theme. The role is open to all academic staff. It provides an excellent opportunity to collaboratively develop an exciting programme of Arts, Culture and Heritage activity aligned to the CUAs objectives and to develop academic and regional partnerships, and to facilitate community and sector-driven research and innovation collaborations in this area.

Informal enquiries can be directed to [Chidinma Okorie](#).

Selection process

Interested academic colleagues should feel able to request an informal discussion about the role, and also register their interest with their Associate Dean for Research and Innovation (ADR&I). The workload for this role will be determined once an appointment is made, but is likely to be approximately 40-50 hours per year. This will be agreed in consultation with the relevant ADR&I and Emily Keightley (Associate Pro Vice-Chancellor for Vibrant and Inclusive Communities).

Applicants should then complete the online expression of interest which can be found [here](#) to detail their suitability for the role by the closing date of **Friday 4 October 2024**.

Candidates will be shortlisted using the person specification below. This will be carried out by Emily Keightley (APVC for Vibrant and Inclusive Communities), Jenna Waters (Deputy Chief of Staff) and Donna Worship (CUA Universities Partnership Manager).

Interviews will be held on 14 October 2024. The start date for the role is 21 October 2024.

Period of appointment:

2 years

Job Description

Job Purpose

To represent Loughborough University in the Arts, Culture, and Heritage theme group of the Civic Universities Agreement, to co-design and develop activities within this theme with CUA partners, and to support the delivery of these activities in accordance with CUA objectives.

Job Duties

- Co-develop a strategic vision for the Arts, Culture, and Heritage (ACH) theme
- Collaborate in the development and delivery of a delivery plan for the ACH
- Communicate the intentions of the ACH with relevant colleagues, including academics, students and professional services colleagues, as appropriate.
- Facilitate collaborative projects and grant applications emerging from ACH.
- Engage with relevant partners (arts organisations, venues, charities, and individuals) to develop collaborative approaches to tackling local issues facing ACH.

Person Specification

Area	Criteria	Stage
Experience	Experience of leadership.	1,2
	An understanding of the Arts, Culture, and/or Heritage sectors in the UK	1,2
	Experience of cross-institutional collaboration	1,2
	Experience of organising events (e.g. academic, cultural, KE)	
Skills and abilities	Demonstrable ability to work closely and effectively with colleagues across the University.	2
	Evidence of ability to work with non-academic partners	1,2
	Excellent communication and interpersonal skills	1, 2
Other	A commitment to the principles of civic engagement	2