

Weaving Practitioner

Ditchling Museum wishes to contract a freelance Weaving practitioner to support an outreach project from April until October 2010.

Ditchling Museum holds a significant collection of work by the prominent artists and craftworkers who made their home in the village in the early part of the twentieth century including Eric Gill, David Jones, Edward Johnston and Ethel Mairet. As a result, the Museum is now recognised internationally as one of the major sites for studying the applied arts movement in the 20th Century. In particular, the collection contains important objects and papers relating to printing, wood engraving, sculpture, letter cutting and weaving.

The Museum has always looked for ways in which it can make the collection relevant to both contemporary practitioners and young people. Through this project we hope to offer a range of audience groups an introduction to new skills and provide participants with basic skills and confidence.

Responding to the Museums weaving collection, the practitioner will spend four days researching the collection and preparing to hold a two day 'Study Day' at the Museum with identified community groups. The project will then conclude in October with a display at Ditchling Museum of the practitioners and community groups work. The timetable is flexible and can be programmed according to the practitioner's availability, but will be a seven day project.

Project aims:

- Introduce participants to the practical skills which have a close association with Ditchling and the Museum Collection.
- Develop participants' understanding of these skills
- Stimulate participants' own creative potential and confidence
- Provide a "jumping off point" for those who wish to undertake further professional training in artisan skills
- Engage practitioners in the project as workshop leaders

Experience of working on educational outreach projects and working with a range of community group audiences is essential and practitioners will be required to undergo an enhanced CRB check

Please send a CV, with references, images of your work and a covering letter to n.ditchling@btconnect.com by Monday 15 March 2010

Daily rate: £150.00 per day

