



Workshop Offer for Special Schools

Call for a Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Specialist

Sheffield Museums has an ambition for all Sheffield's school-age children and young people to engage with dynamic museum experiences that inspire participants to think, engage, be creative and connect with the city's past, present and future. We want to take an active role in improving children and young people's wellbeing and attainment through enhancing their school experience. The content of each workshop in our school workshop programme brings learning to life by being rooted in site-specific collections and spaces, making best use of the objects, artworks and galleries available. This programme is delivered to schools by Casual Learning Deliverers across the sites we care for.

Following consultation with special schools across South Yorkshire, we are looking for a SEND specialist to work with us on the development and delivery of three bespoke school workshops. These workshops will be specially designed for the needs of SEND pupils and will be piloted and evaluated with local special schools. The new workshops will be available to special schools at Weston Park Museum when it is closed to the public, giving them exclusive use of the museum and its facilities.

Outcomes for local special schools:

- Confidence in accessing the galleries and collections at Weston Park Museum.
- Access to workshops which are high-quality, engaging and suited to the needs of their pupils.
- The use of appropriate, safe and well-maintained resources which support engagement and learning for SEND pupils.
- Clear links to Sheffield Museums' formal learning pedagogy, the Engagement Model, the Pre-Key Stage Standards and the National Curriculum where appropriate.
- Exclusive access to Weston Park Museum and its facilities.

To achieve these outcomes, we are looking for SEND specialists who:

- Enjoy and have a knowledge of working with children and young people with a range of SEND.
- Have experience of working with collections, galleries or museums.
- Have worked with/are interested in working with special schools.
- Have a good understanding of the practical needs of special school groups when they are learning outside of the classroom.
- Are experienced collaborators who work well as part of a team.

SEND Specialist Deliverables:

- Design and develop three workshops for special schools, which respond to the needs of SEND pupils. This is to include: pre-visit guidance, session plans, accompanying materials/resources and risk assessments. The themes for these workshops have already been identified through consultation with special schools.
- Develop creative and appropriate materials and identify necessary resources to be purchased for use in the workshops, with safety, suitability and sustainability in mind.
- Respond to the needs of special schools which have been identified through teacher consultation and later through feedback from pilot schools.
- Hold a training workshop with Casual Learning Deliverers on how to deliver the workshops to school groups, including best practice and use of materials and resources.
- To work within an agreed budget and timeframe.

What Sheffield Museums Trust can offer you:

- Ongoing support from the Sheffield Museums School Learning Team in development and delivery of the workshop offer for special schools.
- Clear information gathered from the consultation with special schools which should be used to inform the work.
- Access to gallery and workshop spaces at Weston Park Museum.
- Access to Sheffield's handling collection.
- Support with health and safety considerations, including risk assessments.

Fee: £1000 for 5 days between October 2025 – February 2026

Timescales

Deadline for applications	22 nd September 2025
Applicant selection	September 2025
Workshop development	6 th October – 28 th November 2025
Pilot new workshops with special schools	1 st December 2025 – 30 th January 2026
Project ends and final evaluation	2 nd – 27 th February 2026

How to apply:

Please send a copy of your CV/portfolio including your experience of working with pupils with SEND and a written response to the full criteria above to:

victoria.kamsika@sheffieldmuseums.org.uk by midnight **22nd September 2025**.

Please note: A satisfactory DBS Disclosure will be required. You may be asked for your consent to be photographed for publicity purposes.

About Sheffield Museums

Sheffield Museums Trust is the independent charity that operates six of the city's leading museums and heritage sites: Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet, Graves Gallery, Kelham Island Museum, Millennium Gallery, Shepherd Wheel and Weston Park Museum. Established in 2021, the charity cares for the city's collections of art, archaeology, social and industrial history, and natural science, alongside the Guild of St George's John Ruskin collection and provides a home for the Ken Hawley Collection Trust's Hawley Tool Collection. We work with communities to tell remarkable stories of Sheffield and its people, and celebrate its reputation for excellence in craft, making and innovation. Together with local, regional and national partners, we showcase home-grown creative talent and bring outstanding cultural experiences to the city.