

The Museum of the Home

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- The Museum of the Home: past, present future
- Stay Home collecting project
- A career in museums
- Questions/Discussion

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Past, Present, Future



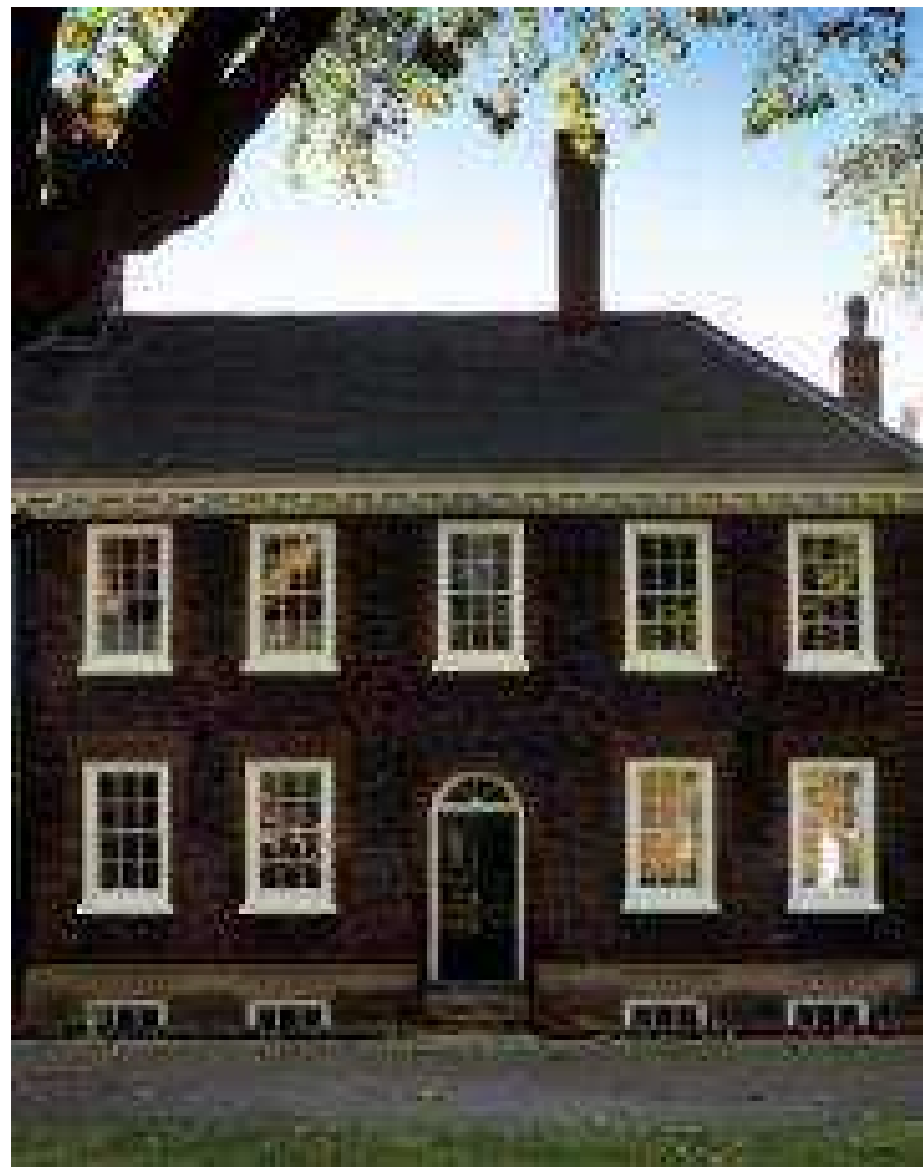
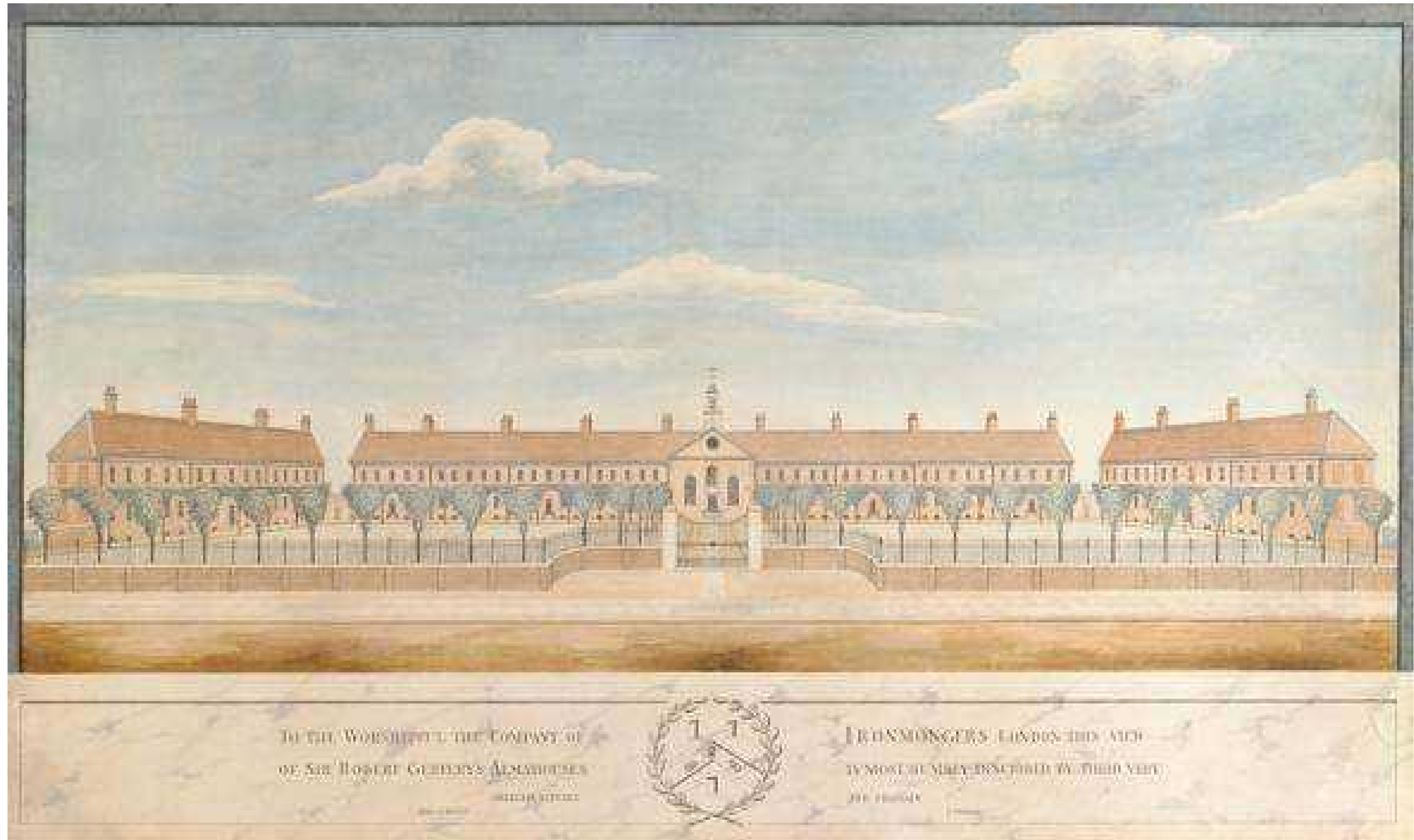


Image of Esther Niles in *Waiting for Myself to Appear*, Michael McMillan



View of Sir Robert Geffery's Almshouses, Unknown artist, 1805



Replica statue of Robert Geffrye, installed about 1912

We exist to:

**reveal and rethink the ways we live in order to live
better together**

We are:

A place to explore and debate the meaning of home – past, present and future. Using collections, content and programming to spark ideas and conversation. Working in partnership to be a force for change on issues affecting the ways we live.

Behind the door

www.museumofthehome.org.uk/join-and-support/behind-the-door



Redevelopment Open Spring 2021









HOME GALLERIES

- Display a larger and more varied amount of the collections.
- Tell the story of home from many different viewpoints.
- Engage a wide range of culturally diverse audiences.
- Inspire a new generation to consider what home means to them.
- Create a relatable visitor experience.
- Resolve congestion problems in the galleries.

What does home mean to you?

Home has many meanings, from the buildings we live in to a feeling that goes beyond a specific time or place.

What does Home mean to you?

“Home is where I feel myself, with my family - where you can close the door on the rest of the world and hunker down”.

Museum Survey Response



All I want is a room somewhere

Nizar, Fatemi and their two daughters live with and care for Pat, who has dementia.
From *No Place Like Home* by Jonathan Donovan.

ROOMS THROUGH TIME

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Next steps

- New Room! West Indian front room 1970's – Michael McMillan
- Launch our intention to work with visitors and communities to fundamentally rethink the rooms.
- Open workshop/ discussion spaces
- Dr Azeezat Johnson, Making Home in the British Grammar of Race (QMUL/Leverhulme)



STAY HOME

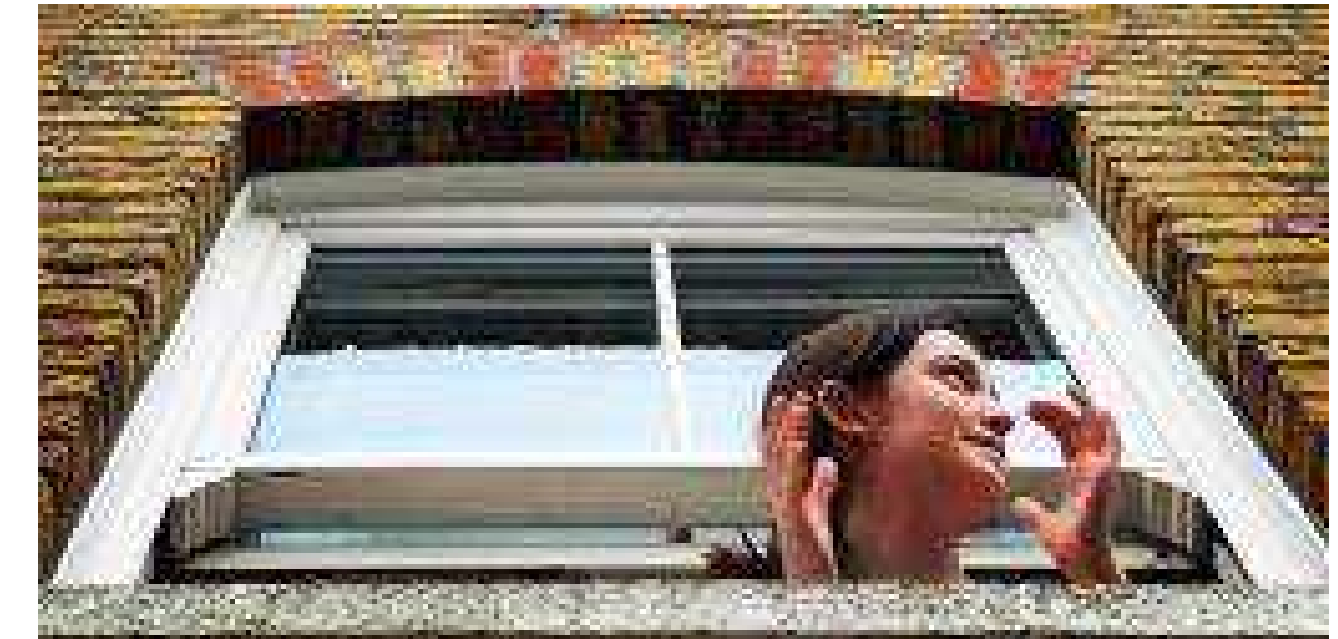
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STAY HOME

- One of our most successful collecting projects ever.
- In partnership with QMUL, awarded £60K by the AHRC for an Artistic Fellow in residence to create physical response to the archive and programme of events.
- Stay Home presence in the launch weekend.
- Documentations Assistant working full time on Stay Home.
- Need researchers to dig into the content, and reflect on the submissions.

Interested in getting involved? Contact Danielle Patten, Research Curator

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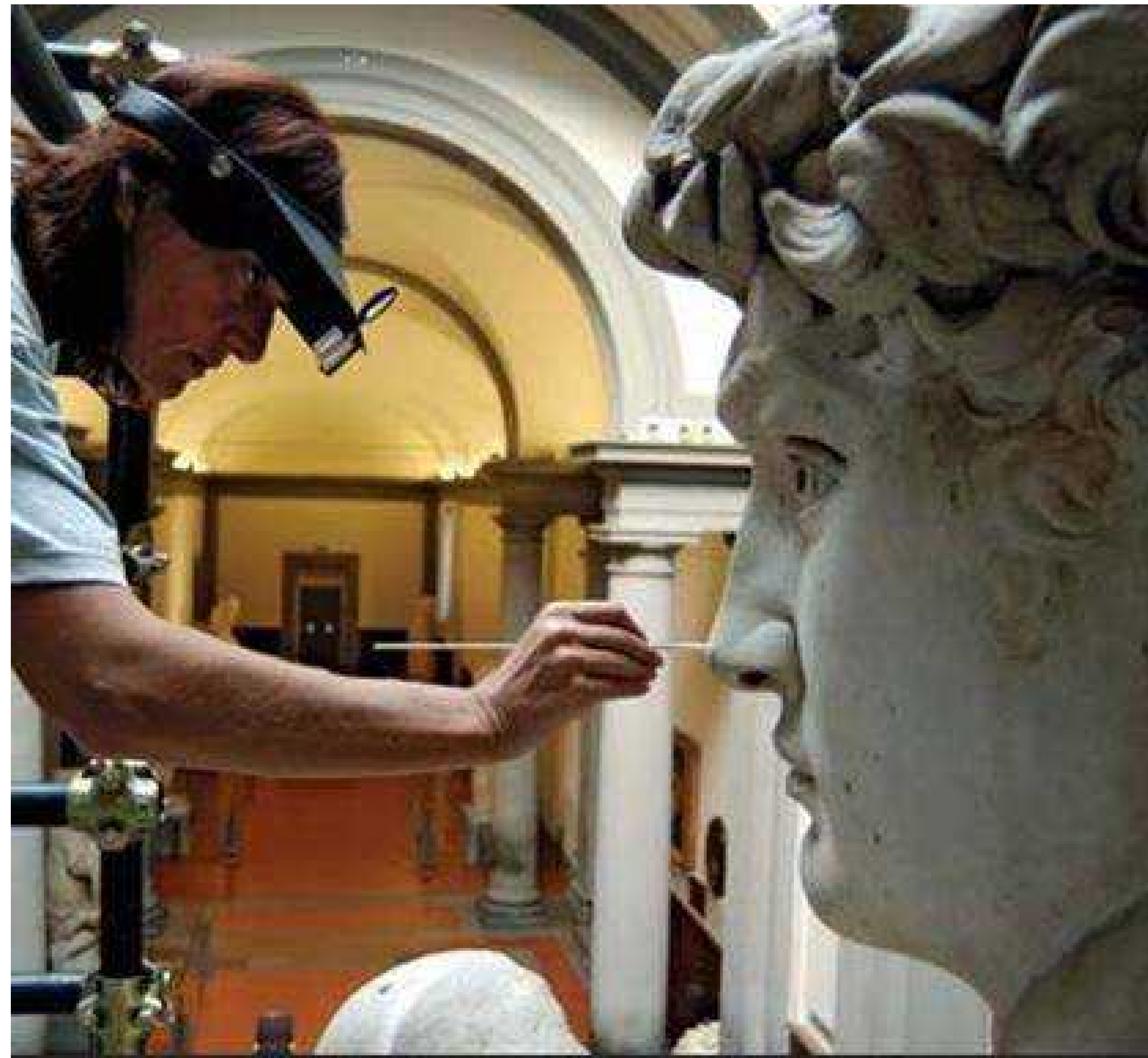


MUSEUM CAREERS

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Museum Careers

- Collections management
- Commercial development
- Community partnerships
- Conservator
- Curator
- Database management
- Education
- Events producer
- Facilities management
- Finance
- Fundraising
- Independent consultant
- Press and Marketing
- Project management
- Visitor services
- Web and social media



Ways in

- Volunteering
- Apprenticeships
- Proposals
talks, exhibitions
- Trusteeships
- Networking

Museums Association
<https://www.museumsassociation.org/home>

Museum as Muck
www.facebook.com/groups/museumasmuck

Museum Detox
www.museumdetox.org

Museums Showoff
<https://gigs.museumsshowoff.org.uk>

- Additional skills and qualifications
e.g. museum studies MA



Places to look

- University of Leicester Museums jobsdesk
www2.le.ac.uk/departments/museumstudies/JobsDesk

- National Museums Directors Council
www.nationalmuseums.org.uk/jobs

- Museum jobs
www.museumjobs.com

- LinkedIn
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- Individual organisations web-sites



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