

# **CVCS** Trustee

# **Compton Verney Collection Settlement**



#### **Overview**

Compton Verney Art Gallery and Park is a nationally-accredited art gallery and historic, 'Capability' Brown-designed park of 120 acres near Stratford-upon-Avon. It houses six permanent collections, special exhibitions and has a busy programme of events and activities. Being independent, we are able to be more flexible, responsive and creative than many of our peers. This in turn enables us to lead, innovate and inspire.

Compton Verney Collection Settlement (CVCS) is an independent charitable trust which owns Compton Verney's permanent collections. It is separate from Compton Verney House Trust (CVHT), which oversees everything involved in the running of the house and grounds. A loan deed with CVHT outlines the terms upon which the collections are displayed at Compton Verney.

We are currently seeking a new Trustee for the Compton Verney Collection Settlement who is particularly cognisant with art law issues in regard to museums, galleries and historic art collections.



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#### **Context**

The CVCS Trustees are jointly responsible for ensuring that CVCS is well managed, solvent, acts in accordance with its Trust Deed, and manages its activities in furtherance of the objects set down in that Deed.

Trustees of CVCS decide on loans from the collection requested by other museums, on conservation and collection policies, and other collections-based issues.

CVCS is now looking for a Trustee with relevant experience and expertise in art law – including the legal issues connected with art ownership and loans.

This is an exciting opportunity for someone to use their professional skills and experience for the benefit of Compton Verney Collection Settlement in a rewarding role. Please note that Compton Verney is committed to ensuring that the process for the appointment of new Trustees is rigorous and transparent.

## Responsibilities and duties of a Trustee

#### General

- Ensuring that CVCS complies with all applicable legislation and regulations
- Ensuring that CVCS applies its resources exclusively in pursuance of its objectives
- Contributing to the formulation of collections policy and overseeing its implementation
- Overseeing and approving CVCS's finances
- Ensuring the effective and efficient administration of CVCS
- Any other issues which may arise from time to time

### **Collective**

- Monitoring care of the collections
- Deciding on external loan requests
- Identifying and agreeing new acquisitions



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### Individual

- Attending and playing an active part in the Trustees' meetings, held four times a year
- Using knowledge of and experience in art law to help the Trustees reach sound decisions
- Avoiding unauthorised conflict of interests
- Acting as a champion for the organisation
- Sharing contacts to enhance fundraising capabilities and profile

### **Skills and Experience**

A passion for art, a working knowledge of museums and galleries and an expertise in law (preferably art law) would be an advantage.

This is a voluntary position, for an initial period of three years.

Travel and other allowable expenses will be paid.

#### Further information and how to apply

Please send a CV and Expression of Interest of no more than 2 pages to Lesley Mills at

CVCS@mills2.myzen.co.uk

Or by mail to:

Lesley Mills, Correspondent CVCS, Ger-y-Llan, Llangwm, Usk NP15 1HA

As this is not a Compton Verney House Trust vacancy, please also direct any questions you may have about the vacancy to Lesley.

Closing date: 30 June 2018.