



Candidate Information

Position:	Research Fellow
School/Department:	Research (HAPP)
Reference:	21/109301
Closing Date:	Monday 22 November 2021
Salary:	£34,304 - £40,927 per annum.
Anticipated Interview Date:	Wednesday 1 December 2021
Duration:	36 month fixed term contract

JOB PURPOSE:

To be an active member of the 'Queer Northern Ireland: Sexuality before Liberation' project team, carrying out extensive primary research and public engagement activities, and contributing individual and co-authored publications, in order to meet the overall research objectives of the project.

MAJOR DUTIES:

1. Undertake research in British and Northern Irish archives, under the supervision of the Principal Investigator, predominately with: criminal and legal files (such as witness statements, arrest reports, and prison registers) relating to men; and personal manuscript sources (diaries, letters etc) relating to women.
2. Contribute to the development of an analytical model for interpreting the history of homosexuality in Northern Ireland c. 1880-1945.
3. Liaise with project partners: the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland, to facilitate the creation of a multimedia exhibition; and Cara Friend, to provide workshops for young LGBT+ people.
4. Present regular progress reports on research to members of the project team and advisory board.
5. Write and deliver presentations, in consultation with the project team, at national and international conferences
6. Write web content for a popular non-academic audience.
7. Facilitate the creation of a digital map of same-sex encounters in Belfast, to be hosted on the project website.
8. Contribute to the management and promotion of the project's social media presence.
9. Prepare, in consultation with the project team, material for publication in national and international journals, and a project monograph.
10. Carry out routine administrative tasks associated with the project to ensure that it is completed on time and within budget.

Planning and Organising:

1. Plan own day-to-day activity within the framework of the agreed research programme.
2. Contribute to the planning of research projects, reports and publications etc usually 1-6 months in advance.
3. Contribute to planning, promotion and running of major conference at Ulster University in 2024.
4. Contribute to planning, promotion and installation of exhibition at the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland in 2024.

Internal and External Relationships:

1. Liaise on a regular basis with members of the project team.
2. Liaise on a regular basis with the project partners, particularly the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland and Cara Friend.
3. Build contacts with external local history societies and LGBT groups to form relationships for collaboration and project dissemination.

ESSENTIAL CRITERIA:

1. Normally have or be about to obtain (post-viva) a relevant PhD in History or cognate disciplines (with research focus of gender and/or sexuality; and British and/or Irish studies).
2. Extensive Doctoral level experience of working with archival material relating to modern history (c. 1850-1950)

3. Publication(s) in well-rated journal(s) and/or edited volumes commensurate with career stage.
4. Experience of engaging beyond the academy (whether public, government or industry) and disseminating research (i.e. study days, public talks, youth workshops, exhibitions etc).
5. Ability to write for web and popular audiences.
6. Ability to communicate complex information clearly.
7. Ability to build contacts and participate in internal and external networks.
8. Ability to assess and organise resources.
9. Enthusiasm for working as part of a small research team.
10. Desire to communicate research beyond the academy.

DESIRABLE CRITERIA:

1. Experience of using queer theory
2. Experience in working with criminal/legal materials.
3. Evidence of work on Northern Irish history.
4. Experience of managing relationships with external bodies such as local history/literary societies, museums, archives, libraries, etc.
5. Experience of maintaining a project or institutional social media presence.
6. Experience of working with GIS software.