



## **Person specification for role of President of The Moray Society (Elgin Museum)**

We are currently seeking candidates for the role of President of The Moray Society, following the retirement of a long-standing incumbent. We're looking for an individual who is passionate about the culture and heritage of Moray, and who can lead Elgin Museum and The Moray Society to a more resilient and sustainable future. The ideal candidate will have a strong connection to the Moray area, robust leadership skills, experience of being a Trustee, well-established networks that bring positive benefit to Elgin Museum, and a commitment to delivering our organisation's vision.

### **About Elgin Museum and The Moray Society**

Elgin Museum is an independent, Accredited, museum maintained by its membership and volunteers, under the auspices of The Moray Society. The Moray Society (and by association, Elgin Museum) is a registered Scottish charity and a company limited by guarantee.

The primary function of The Moray Society is to safeguard the Museum and ensure that the Museum and any associated activities contribute to the Society's aims to promote and conserve Moray's heritage. It has a Board of Directors, including a President, Vice-president and Treasurer/Company Secretary.

The purpose of Elgin Museum is to conserve and display the objects and archive in its care, to act as a focus for learning and enjoyment for all, to support the appreciation of the natural history, culture and heritage of Moray, and to maintain the buildings in its ownership. As we move through the challenges of Covid-19, it is critical that Elgin Museum and The Moray Society develop and expand their organisational model to ensure both have a continued relevance to current and future audiences.

Please visit our website to find out more about the Museum, and to read our Forward Plan for the period 2022-2026: <https://elginmuseum.org.uk/policies/>

### **Essential Criteria**

- Strong interest in the culture, heritage and prosperity of Moray
- General interest in culture, heritage and museums
- Willingness to act as a figurehead and ambassador by representing the Museum to the outside world
- Well-connected at a local and national level
- Motivated to drive the Museum forward in collaboration with the Board and Elgin Museum's Management Committee
- Willingness to devote time and effort to the Society and Museum, including attending trustee meetings and occasional events
- Commitment to the aims and interests of the Museum
- Highly effective communication and advocacy skills
- Ability to attend and chair four Board meetings and an AGM annually (remotely or in person)
- Ability to maintain regular contact with the Museum by email and or/in person

[www.elginmuseum.org.uk](http://www.elginmuseum.org.uk)

Patrons: Audrey Baxter, Marjorie Walker OBE, James Welsh

President: Lt Col Grenville S Johnston OBE TD CA, Museum Convenor: Bill Dalgarno

Charity No: SC 017546 Company No: 106529 Society formed: 1836 Museum built: 1842

- An ability to achieve the confidence and command the respect of staff, volunteers, and Museum users
- Membership of The Moray Society

### **Desirable Criteria**

- An understanding of museums and/or previous experience within the museum sector
- Proven successful track record of fundraising skills and ability
- An understanding and awareness of national (and local) policies relating to museums, culture, heritage and tourism

Applicants would first need to be elected to the Board of The Moray Society. Please note that the role of President of The Moray Society is not a paid position and no expenses are available.

Candidates do not need to be resident in Moray to apply.

We would like our Board to be representative of the community we serve, and actively encourage people of diverse age, gender, background and abilities to consider putting themselves forward.

To discuss further or apply for the position, please contact Claire Herbert (Vice-president, The Moray Society) by email at: [elginmuseumevents@gmail.com](mailto:elginmuseumevents@gmail.com)