

Job title: Assistant Researcher / Researcher / Historic Buildings Advisor
Contract: Full time but open to discussions about flexible or part-time contracts.
Deadline for applications: 14th May 2021
Salary: Competitive

With nearly sixty years' experience in the repair and renewal of listed buildings, Donald Insall Associates is uniquely placed to provide strategic advice on change and development within the historic environment. The practice has a dedicated Historic Buildings Consultancy to support clients embarking on heritage projects at all scales, from urban masterplans to individual houses.

The team comprises architects, designers, architectural historians and former conservation officers and Historic England inspectors who work alongside a client's chosen architect to analyse what is special about a building or place, guide alterations, and support clients through the planning process. Our overarching aim is to use our understanding of the past to revitalise historic buildings and, where appropriate, to guide new interventions.

We opened our Manchester office in September 2016. We are looking for an Assistant Researcher, Researcher or Historic Buildings Advisor to join our growing team, supporting projects across the north. We welcome applications from candidates who have the following qualifications, skills and experience:

- a demonstrable passion for the historic environment, and the ability to communicate this to non-experts in an inspiring and accessible manner;
- a sound knowledge and understanding of architectural history;
- the ability to confidently draw together information gained from site visits and archival sources into succinct, accurate and engaging text;
- an eye for excellence in design and architecture, and the ability to communicate this effectively with design and non-design professionals alike;
- we welcome applications from qualified architects, alternatively those with the following qualifications: a BA in Architectural History, Art History, Archaeology, History or Post Graduate certificate/diploma in Building Conservation, Town Planning etc.;
- good experience of taking a creative and constructive approach to historic building conservation;
- strong negotiating and advocacy skills, and the ability to develop proposals within a design team, meeting the aspirations of a building's owners and users while satisfying the requirements of the statutory authorities and respecting the significance of historic places;
- high levels of self-sufficiency, motivation and adaptability with the ability to meet tight deadlines and to work effectively as part of a team;
- familiarity with the roles of various stakeholders in the heritage sector, such as local authorities, Historic England, and national and local amenity groups;
- knowledge of the English planning system and the National Planning Policy Framework;
- Willingness to travel across the north as required.

Please email a CV and covering letter to erica.bomphrey@insall-architects.co.uk stating your notice period and salary expectations. Please note that those invited to interview will be required to produce two examples of written or project work.

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