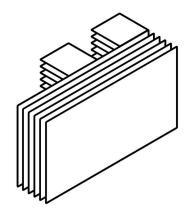
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VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

Wonderland

Birmingham's Cinema Stories

Are you interested in local history or cinemas? Do you enjoy delving into online archives? Are you organised with great attention to detail?

We're looking for research volunteers to help us continue to map Birmingam's cinema-going heritage; helping us to find new materials and build up our knowledge of Birmingham's lost cinemas.

The Wonderland story so far...

In 2022, our Wonderland project explored Birmingham's cinema stories through a mix of exhibitions, screenings, talks, walks and treasure hunts. We launched a new website at wonderlandbirmingham.co.uk/ which has started the job of recording and mapping Birmingham's cinema story in the form of an online map and multimedia hub of facts, figures, stories, memorabilia and photography.

We currently have 24 locations listed on the website, and over the next year we're looking to increase that figure to 150 Birmingham cinemas!

If this sounds like something you would love to be involved in, complete the following expression of interest form, and we'll be in touch after the closing date on Tuesday 14th February.

Expression of interest form

FAQs:

What will my research contribute towards?

Your research will be used to add cinemas and stories to the Wonderland website.

Where will I be based?

Volunteers will work remotely, so will need access to a laptop or computer where possible. Please indicate on your expression of interest form if you will need us to provide laptop/computer access. There is also a small budget for trips to museums and archives that will aid in your research.

We will also have monthly in-person catch ups in Birmingham city centre. Please indicate on your expression of interest forms which dates/times you are available.

How much time do I need to commit to?

Volunteers must ideally commit to volunteering with the project until the end of June 2023. There is no minimum requirement of hours per week, but we would suggest half a day on average per week will give you the time to get stuck into the research and explore a range of different cinemas.

Do I need to have existing skills and experience as a researcher?

Not necessarily. All we ask is that you're prepared to get stuck into the research and will follow our guidance and best practice around logging and recording anything that you find. We will provide a session on where/how to research Birmingham cinemas.

Do you cover volunteer expenses?

Yes. We will cover up to £25 per day in reasonable out of pocket expenses. This could cover things like travel to libraries or to our monthly meetup sessions. Make sure you keep your receipts!