Rochdale Town Hall Heritage Skills Programme
Rochdale Town Centre
Regeneration
Town Hall Refurbishment

Building restored back to its former glory
More accessible for everyone
More activities planned
New events and exhibition spaces
The grounds will be refurbished
Jenny Truran from Lancashire Conservation Studio on site at the town hall carrying out cleaning tests on the painted walls

Examples of decorative designs painted onto wood beams
The delicate interiors of the town hall have been covered to protect them from damage during the works.
Rochdale Town Hall Heritage Skills Programme

• 12 week opportunity to experience working in a heritage setting
• Introduction to various aspects of museum/heritage work.

• Opportunity to carry out, hands on work on objects.

• Provide an individual with a sound knowledge base and real work experience; should they wish to progress to work or further study in the Heritage field.
Programme led by Professional Museum Staff from Lancashire Conservation Studios who will be carrying out conservation of the decorative walls and features within Rochdale Town Hall.

• Opportunity for specialist training
• Tile conservation specialists
• Woodwork specialists
• Specialists handling technicians
• Museum collection documentation
Conservation & Collections Team
Your 12 week programme
Each Week

One day training
Two days practical

Tues- Thurs
10am – 4pm

The programme is led by Jenny Truran- Object Conservator for Lancashire Museums

The practical training will be delivered by the specialist conservators. Jenny Truran, Tim Phelps, Lesley Durbin, Mike Bowes

Supported by training in museum skills, in Documentation, Collection Care, IPM undertaken by the Lancashire Museum specialist team.
Introduction to Collection Care

- Museum Environment
  - Light
  - Relative humidity
  - Temp
  - Pests
Introduction to Conservation Cleaning
Conservation Cleaning Techniques

- Ceramics
- Metalwork
- Decorative wooden surfaces
- Painted surfaces
- Stone and tile
Work on decorative features within our Rochdale Town Hall
Wooden features such as doors and fireplaces will also need carefully cleaning.
• Three lectures & sessions as an introduction to museum practice and cleaning of architectural tiles.

• Lesley Durbin is an internationally renowned expert on the Conservation & Restoration of Tiles

• Rochdale Town Hall has wonderful examples of the famous Staffordshire Minton Tiles
Example of the minton floor tiles which are showing signs of wear and tear and will need cleaning. A protective layer will be added to prevent further deterioration in the future.
Additional training will be given to those who would like the experience to work on upper walls and ceilings using a scaffold tower.
Learn about a range of aspects of museum operation.
Museum Documentation

- Collection management systems
- Condition checking
- Marking and labelling
- Packing Collections
Undertaking research  Working on Heritage Collections
Where?

• Mainly delivered on-site at Rochdale Town Hall in designated training rooms
• Practical work on-site
• Potential site visits and training at Lancashire Conservation studios
So why do this programme???

Getting experience of working in a heritage environment can be the first step in a new career which could lead to employment in a range of industries.
Technical work, packing, handling and making mounts
Transporting Collections & installing Exhibitions or even specialist house moves.

Moving 14th /20th Hussars Collection Preston to Winchester December 2019
Painting Conservation
Furniture Conservation
Natural History Conservation
Creating Designing & building exhibitions
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Any Questions?

- Thank you for listening.
- Heather Davis, Conservation & Collections Manager
- Lancashire Conservation Studios, Lancashire County Museum Service

- Jenny Truran will be on site at RTH to answer further questions on this programme on the 9th / 16th / 23rd Sept. 11.30 - 12.00 & 3.30 -4pm