



**Job Title:** Freelance Oral History Interviewer - One Lowry, Many Stories

**Location:** Lowry, Pier 8, The Quays, Salford, M50 3AZ, plus other locations as required

**Salary:** £8,000

**Job Type:** Freelance contract April – August 2025

### **Open call for Oral History Interviewer role – One Lowry, Many Stories oral history project**

Lowry is a multi-art venue presenting a diverse programme of theatre and visual art. Located at Salford Quays we are the most visited attraction in Greater Manchester, consisting of theatre spaces plus art galleries with works by LS Lowry and modern artists.

Next year Lowry celebrates its 25<sup>th</sup> birthday having opened to the public in April 2000. As part of this we will hold a year of celebration with various events and activities marking the occasion.

### **The Project**

Lowry Turns 25 is made possible with The National Lottery Heritage Fund. Thanks to National Lottery players, we will deliver an ambitious heritage project celebrating Lowry's 25th anniversary, bringing local histories to life, and exploring L.S. Lowry's legacy as a champion of working class and industrial heritage.

As part of Lowry Turns 25, we are commissioning an art installation for a prominent location in the Lowry building (Pier, 8 The Quays, Salford, Manchester, M50 3AZ.)

The installation will feature recordings of people sharing their memories of Lowry and the transformation of the Salford Quays area. Lowry has been a part of many people's lives - from people who have visited shows and exhibitions, artists who have performed, staff, volunteers and even people who have celebrated major life events including weddings and graduations with us.

We are looking for someone experienced in supporting people from a diverse range of backgrounds to share their stories.

Clips from interviews will be embedded in the newly commissioned art installation, full-length versions will be added to a 'Lowry Collection' in Salford Digital Archives, and we will also be creating a curated public playlist of recordings.

One Lowry, Many Stories is a partnership with the University of Salford, and two students studying relevant courses will be recruited to support delivery of the project. The Oral History Interviewer will be required to oversee the student's contribution to the project, setting tasks, and providing support and guidance where needed.

## **The Role**

The Oral History Interviewer is responsible for:

- Recording 30-40 oral history interviews with support from two university students – we expect the students to independently record a number of interviews to contribute to this total.
- Recording oral history interviews with a range of people including Lowry staff, volunteers and board members, performers, partners, and members of the general public.
- Guiding conversations to ensure interviews contain engaging and relevant content suitable for use in the project.
- Communication with the Project Manager to fulfil the administrative needs of the project, including when arranging interview time and locations.
- Communication with the project Evaluator to fulfil monitoring, evaluation and reporting requirements, including data collection and regular progress updates.
- Overall responsibility for ensuring the necessary paperwork is completed.
- Managing the work activity of two university students from relevant courses, setting tasks, reviewing progress to ensure quality and relevancy of content, supporting and advising where necessary.
- Provide development opportunities for the university students where possible, for example, allowing them to shadow interviews.
- Maintaining high standards of data protection and digital security as agreed with Lowry.
- Tracking relevant project expenses as agreed with Lowry team.

- Adhering to relevant policies (Safeguarding, Health & Safety, Privacy (data) and Equality, Diversity & Inclusion).

## Who can apply

We welcome applicants who have the following:

### Essential

- Experience recording interviews to be shared publicly e.g. oral histories, podcasts, radio interviews.
- Ability to make people from a range of different backgrounds feel comfortable and confident being recorded and sharing their own experiences.
- Ability to record interviews to a high standard, taking the lead on both recording processes and content to ensure the quality of both.
- Either based in Greater Manchester or willing to travel regularly to record the majority of interviews in the area.
- Willing to occasionally travel further afield to other locations within the UK as required, expenses for travel outside of Greater Manchester will be covered.
- Confident in the use of professional-standard audio recording equipment.

### Desirable

- Experience of line management, or similar experience supporting people to work towards a shared outcome.

<b>Timeline:</b>	
Deadline for applications	9th March 2025 (11:59pm)
Interviews	w.c. 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2025
Deadline for recorded interviews	4 <sup>th</sup> August 2025
Installation opens	25 <sup>th</sup> September 2025

## **Budget**

- There is a budget of £8,000 available – this includes travel expenses within Greater Manchester.
- Travel and subsistence expenses beyond Greater Manchester will be paid in addition but must be agreed by the Lowry project team in advance of any visits.

## **How to apply**

Submit the following to [getcreative@thelowry.com](mailto:getcreative@thelowry.com) by **9th March 2025 (11:59pm.)**

- A copy of your CV
- Responses to the following questions:
  - Please detail your previous relevant experience (include links if any of your work is accessible online.)
  - What is important to consider in achieving a high-quality recorded interview?
  - How would you ensure people from a range of backgrounds feel comfortable and confident taking part?
  - Do you have access to recording equipment you could use for the project? (Please note this is preferred but not essential.)

### **Getting help to apply:**

We are very happy to answer any questions. Please get in touch if you would like additional support with making your application.

Contact us at: [getcreative@thelowry.com](mailto:getcreative@thelowry.com)