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Ledbury Poetry Seeks Director (Sabbatical Cover).

Could you manage one of the country's most important poetry organisations?

Working hours: 5 days per week.

Salary range: £34,000 - £36,000 dependent upon experience.

Contract duration: 18 months, fixed term.

We can offer hybrid working arrangements. However, we will expect the successful candidate to spend 3 days per week in Ledbury at the Poetry House.

About this Opportunity

Ledbury Poetry is a leading organisation in the UK for all things poetry.

Having successfully led the organisation for more than seventeen years, our Director, Chloe Garner, will be taking an eighteen-month sabbatical from April 2024 to September 2025. Now, Ledbury Poetry is seeking an exceptional individual to take the helm of the organisation while she is away.

As an Arts Council England National Portfolio Organisation, Ledbury Poetry encourages creativity and the exploration of language in all its forms for everyone, whatever their age or background. Over the past five years, the organisation has grown far beyond its origins as a ten-day summer showcase. It now encompasses a year-round programme including exciting education and outreach activities.

It is deeply rooted in the community of Ledbury - a place with strong historical, poetical associations with Elizabeth Barrett Browning, John Masefield, Eleanor Farjeon, Rupert Brooke, Edward Thomas and Robert Frost- yet international in its scope and reach. It showcases poetry from across the globe and its groundbreaking Ledbury Critics Programme leads the way on diversity and inclusion in the publication, promotion and reception of contemporary poetry.

This is an important moment for the charity as it works to establish The Poetry House, a non-metropolitan centre for the development of the artform, based in the historic Elizabeth Barret Browning Institute, Ledbury. We are putting Ledbury on the map as England's pre-eminent Poetry Town. We are redefining our future, and that of the artform, as part of a growing national and international network of inspirational poetry places.

We are seeking an experienced **Director** to manage the organisation on the next stage of this exciting journey. You will be a highly effective manager with proven experience gained in an arts and cultural context. Ideally you will have a love for and knowledge of literature, and of poetry in particular.

How to apply.

If you are interested in joining us then please visit:

<https://ledburypoetry.org.uk/jobs-and-opportunities>

Download the Director Application Pack which contains further information about the duties and responsibilities of the role, together with how to apply, and an Equal Opportunities form.

Deadline for application: Monday 27 November 2023.

Interviews: Friday 15 December 2023.