



Marbles Reunited

Friends of The British Committee for the Reunification of the Parthenon Marbles

Campaign Director, Marbles Reunited

Salary: £35-45,000 per annum

Location: SW1

Overview of organisation

Marbles Reunited is a British-based campaign organisation established to repatriate the Parthenon Sculptures (often known as the Elgin Marbles), currently housed in the British Museum, in Athens. The sculptures were originally taken from the Parthenon between 1801 and 1804 by Lord Elgin. He later sold them to the British Government, who in turn gave them to the British Museum in 1816. 99% of the surviving marbles are split almost equally between Athens and London, and for many years there have been calls for the Parthenon Sculptures in Britain to be returned to Greece. Marbles Reunited is run by a management committee and its officers. Currently the Chairman is Andrew George MP. The other members of the committee have diverse backgrounds in politics, the media, the arts, the academic, legal, architectural and museological professions and information technology.

The organisation's need

During 2007, there have been a number of important developments regarding the Parthenon Marbles. Heidelberg University became the first institution to return a fragment of the Parthenon Frieze. Various high profile cases internationally have reflected the evolution of museum practice. In Britain, new laws have allowed the return of certain specific items from the collections of museums. Finally (and perhaps most importantly), the imminent opening of the New Acropolis Museum in Athens, will finally put to rest one of the main arguments against the return of the marbles, namely that the Parthenon Statues would not be housed appropriately.

Currently all activities, such as organising meetings and events, supplying speakers, monitoring developments in the law and in museum practice and monitoring and writing to the media are undertaken by members of the committee who are also employed in full time jobs, and therefore have limited time. As the campaign steps up a gear there is a need for a Campaign Director to be appointed who can develop and drive forward all activities.

What the role will be

Planning and implementation

- To produce and execute a clear communications plan, including the campaign strategy with key objectives, timelines, messages and audiences, as well as suggested tactics.

Monitoring and research

- Monitor the media, Parliament and other relevant stakeholders and provide updates to the Committee and rebuttals/comments where necessary.
- Keep up to date with all arguments and issues on art repatriation and provide comment where necessary.

Chairman: Andrew George *MP for St Ives* **Honourary President:** Eddie O'Hara *MP for Knowsley South*

Members: David Hill *Chairman of the International Association for the Reunification of the Parthenon Sculptures*

Nicky Artemi *Solicitor* Lazaros Filippidis *Evacuation Behaviour Analyst* George Hajifanis *Architect* Karen Knight *Museum Professional* Christopher Miles *Film Director*

Suzannah Ritch *Communications Consultant* William G Stewart *TV Presenter and Producer* Christopher Stockdale *Doctor* Matthew Taylor *Architect*

Dimos Vlachos *Foreign Exchange Administrator* Geoffrey White *Barrister* Malcolm Wright *Internet Consultant*

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Representation

- Act as the principle spokesperson for the campaign to the media, Government, the British Museum and other stakeholders.
- Build and maintain alliances and networks with other organisations.

Fund raising

- Organise fund raising events, especially within the Greek community.

Administration

- Undertake all administration duties for the campaign, including responding to letters, dealing with membership enquiries and liaising with Committee members.

What we require from you

- Proven experience in a campaign leadership role with demonstrable results
- A highly motivated, self-starter who is happy to work on their own with minimal input from others
- Educated to degree or equivalent level
- Ability to analyse and research
- Experience of event management and fund raising
- Excellent communication skills (oral and written)
- Good computer skills
- Good administration skills
- A willingness to travel abroad and work occasional evenings. (That is when the Committee has its meetings and events)
- An understanding of and interest in art repatriation would be helpful. (Whilst this is not a prerequisite upon appointment you would need to bring yourself up to speed with these issues as soon as possible)
- A personal commitment to the Parthenon Statues being reunited in Greece

For further information or to apply for the job please contact Suzannah Ritch: suzannah.ritch@sky.com or call 07960 938511.