HERITAGE MANAGEMENT

Where will your postgraduate degree take you?

BELOW IS AN OVERVIEW OF THE KINDS OF EMPLOYMENT SECTORS, ORGANISATIONS AND PROFESSIONS THAT RECENT HERITAGE MANAGEMENT POSTGRADUATES HAVE ENTERED, BASED ON RESPONSES TO ‘DESTINATIONS OF LEAVERS’ SURVEYS CONDUCTED SIX MONTHS AFTER GRADUATION.

Popular employment sectors
- Architectural activities
- Advertising agencies
- Museum activities
- Operation of historical sites and similar visitor attractions
- Secondary education

Typical occupations
- Architectural Director
- Archivist
- Broadcast Assistant
- Building Conservator
- Business Support Advisor
- Curatorial Assistant
- Heritage Officer
- Learning Officer
- Lecturer
- Project Manager
- Sales and Marketing Manager
- Senior Planning Officer
- Visitor Services Manager

Range of employers
- Arts Council of Wales
- BBC
- Birmingham Museums Trust
- Canal & River Trust
- GVA Property Agents
- Historical Royal Palaces
- Imperial War Museum
- Kingsmead School
- Local Authorities
- National Trust
- Natural History Museum
- Tower of London

‘I currently work as part of a large organisation with many different departments and it is sometimes easy to lose sight of why you are doing what you do. One of the most important things that I learnt from the course was to always remember your audience and how each department needs to work together in order to function efficiently. It sounds simple but such factors sometimes make it easy to forget what is actually important.

After graduation I worked as an archivist for about three years. At the same time I began working as a researcher for a documentary series on BBC Radio 4. It was a great way to showcase museum collections and bring history to life. In 2009 I moved to London and have been working for BBC Television since, as a filming and location researcher. I am still working as a historian taking on freelance projects and this year I published my first book with The History Press titled Female Tommies: The Frontline Women of the First World War.’

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