

Open position

Objects/Preventive Conservator

Assistant Keeper Grade II, Full Time, Permanent Position

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Turlough Park, Co Mayo

Closing Date for Application

Friday 23rd October 2026

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The **National Museum of Ireland** is seeking applications from suitable candidates to fill the post of **Objects/Preventive Conservator (Assistant Keeper Grade II)** based in the National Museum of Ireland, Turlough Park. This is a full-time permanent contract. This position will be filled by open competitive interview.

Brief Description of Position

The post holder will be a staff member of the Conservation Department and will work closely with conservation colleagues, across museum sites, / most staff are based in the museum headquarters, Collins Barracks. The post holder will be based primarily in the Museum of Country Life but will work across all Museum sites as required by the job.

The Folklife Division of the National Museum of Ireland holds collections of some 40,000 objects and is located at the National Museum of Ireland, Turlough Park, Co Mayo, with secondary storage facilities in the Collection Resource Centre (CRC), Co. Dublin and at Daingean, Co Offaly. This post is part of the Conservation Department of the National Museum of Ireland and is to provide conservation support for the collections of the Folklife Division in these locations.

The post holder is expected to have training and experience in an object conservation discipline relevant to the Irish Folklife collections and significant experience in preventive Conservation and Collection Care. The post holder will be expected to carry out practical remedial conservation on artefacts within their specialist area and preventive conservation across all Folklife collections areas and sites, and to oversee and influence the work of other staff, volunteers, contractors and interns in matters of collection care.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Applications are submitted on the vacancies section of the **National Museum of Ireland website**: <https://www.museum.ie/en-IE/About/Careers/Vacancies>

Applicants must submit the completed application form, an up-to-date CV, and a cover letter. **We request that all three documents be combined and submitted in one single PDF.**

The application form must be completed in full and submitted in typescript. Handwritten applications and applications in the incorrect format type will not be accepted. Failure to do so will render the application incomplete, and the application will not be considered.

To commence the application process, visit our Vacancies page.

Steps to apply:

- Go to the Vacancies page and select the position you wish to apply for.
- Read the Information Booklet for full details of the position.
- The documents required for your application appear on this page as links.

- Click each document, which will open in a new window. Download/Save each document to your computer/device.
- Complete the documents required and combine them into **one single PDF** along with your CV and cover letter.
- When this is complete, return to the National Museum website to finish the application process.
- Again, from the [Vacancies](#) page, find the position you wish to apply for.
- Click the **Apply Now** button.
- Complete the Form.
- Upload your single combined PDF.
- Complete the Captcha check and then click **Submit Your Application**.

Please provide a **valid, monitored email address**. The email address will be used to acknowledge receipt of the application and as the main form of contact to liaise with applicants.

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