

# AUTOGRAPH

Team Assistant Job Pack

# Hello!

Thank you for your interest in joining the team at Autograph. In this job pack, you'll find information about: who we are and what Autograph does; the Team Assistant role; what we're looking for in an applicant.

#### Here's some helpful links

- Autograph's website
- Webpage for the role, including links to the application forms in Word format

Autograph strives to be an inclusive place where we can all be ourselves. We particularly encourage responses to this opportunity from applicants who are underrepresented in museums and galleries.

Have any questions about the application process, or need this application pack in a format that's more accessible for you? We're here to help, get in touch at <u>info@autograph-abp.co.uk</u>

#### What's in this application pack

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#### The deadline to apply is 10am (BST) on Monday 12 May 2025







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## About the role

Autograph is looking for an enthusiastic and creative person to join us as Team Assistant to take care of day-to-day administration, and to support our activity programme with project delivery.

This role is perfect for someone with a strong interest in visual arts and photography in particular, who wants to start or restart a fulfilling career in the arts. You'll also develop a good appreciation for how a small-scale visual arts charity functions.

You will need to be a flexible, well-organised, practical and resourceful person who enjoys teamwork and wants to support the delivery of activity which helps us fulfil our mission: to champion photography that explores issues of race, identity, representation, human rights and social justice.

You will work on a variety of tasks including: looking after our office systems and managing office supplies; collating information we need to give to funders and stakeholders about our activity; providing reception support at front of house; coding and raising invoices and managing receipts; arranging and servicing meetings; managing our stock and storage; dispatching our books and other products to customers; supporting project delivery including the Learning and Participation programme, exhibition launches and other events at the gallery.

You'll be supported with on-the-job training, working alongside experienced arts professionals. If you are new to the arts charity sector, changing careers or returning to the workforce – this could be a great opportunity for you.

This is a full-time role, based at Autograph's gallery in the heart of London's exciting Shoreditch district in Hackney.

## How to apply

There are three forms to fill in to apply for this role:

- 1) Application form
- 2) Equal opportunities form
- 3) Criminal record declaration form

You can find all three forms in this application pack. If you would prefer the forms in Word format, <u>click here.</u>

Email the completed forms to <u>info@autograph-abp.co.uk</u> by **10am (BST) on Monday 12 May 2025**. The subject line for this email should be Team Assistant.

We regret that applications received after the deadline will not be considered. You must use our application form to apply for this role; please do not just send a CV as we won't be able to consider it.

#### Interviews will be held on Tuesday 20 May 2025

We expect to welcome shortlisted candidates to Autograph for in-person interviews.

The anticipated start date for this role is the first week of July 2025.



## What do we do?

Established in 1988, Autograph's mission is to share the work of artists who use photography and film to highlight questions of race, representation, human rights and social justice. Through doing so, we invite people to explore the creative and critical power of visual representation, in shaping our understanding of ourselves and of others. We achieve this by:

- Commissioning artists and writers; making and sharing exhibitions and publications both in the UK and internationally.
- Sharing our unique photography collection which is used for research, learning, participation, and lending purposes.
- Supporting professional development of artists through providing advice, information, mentoring and selective hosting of projects.
- Producing talks, events and workshops through which people can listen, learn engage in debate and take part in creative making.

At Autograph we are very committed to welcoming, understanding and serving our audiences. Currently we are seeking to appeal particularly to young people, first time visitors, people with disabilities and visitors who haven't felt that a place like Autograph is for them.

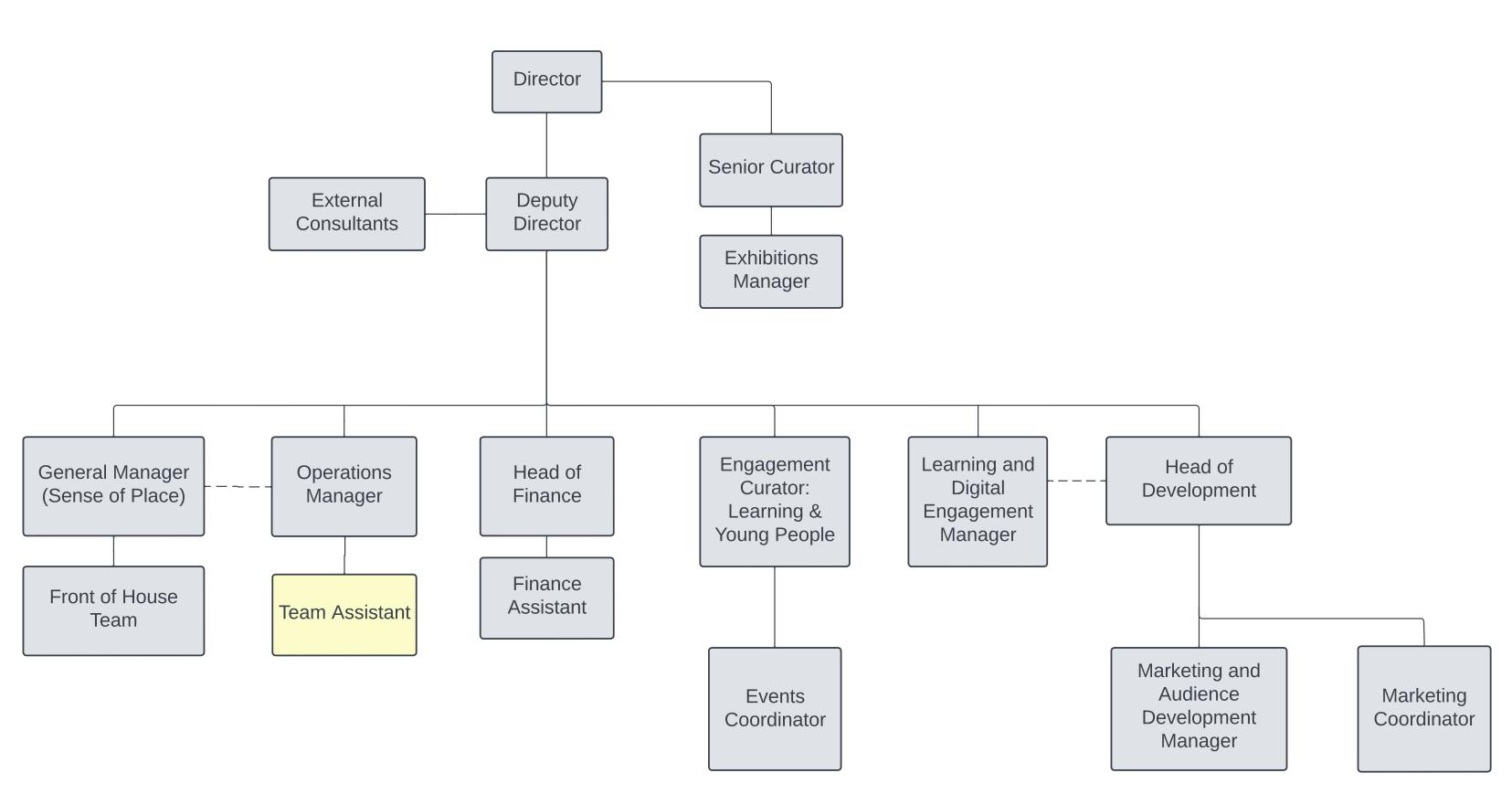
## **Our values**

To foster informed enquiry and personal creative development, promote respect for and appreciation of difference, encourage empathy and reciprocity in our partnerships and interactions and act ethically towards people and the environment. These values inform our professional practice, activities and how we work both internally and externally.

# Autograph staff

Autograph is a charity run by a small, dedicated team.

## Autograph Organogram



# Role description

Job Title: Team Assistant

Hours: Full-time 35 hours a week, Monday to Friday. Occasional evening and weekend work
Salary: £26,000
Location of work: Rivington Place, Rivington Street, London EC2A 3BA
Probation: Three months
Period of notice: Three months on successful completion of the probationary period.
Benefits: 20 days paid holiday per annum as well as bank holidays; contributory pension scheme after three month qualifying period; discretionary additional leave at Christmas; training and professional development; season ticket interest free loan scheme; bicycle loan scheme

Reports to: Operations Manager

#### Summary and purpose of role

- Service the general administrative requirements of Autograph to ensure the office systems and procedures are effectively and efficiently managed.
- Provide general project support for activities across the whole activity programme, including regular project support for the Learning and Participation programme.
- Support Front of House.

This position gives the appointed candidate the opportunity to assist across exhibitions, events, communications, audience engagement and development, as part of an important programme affecting change and expanding the creative work the organisation produces. It offers the opportunity to play a particular role in supporting project delivery with children, young people and older participants engaged with strategic engagement projects.

# Main duties and responsibilities

#### Office Administration and Front of House Support

- Manage the office environment, including ordering office supplies and ensuring that equipment is serviced on a regular basis.
- Manage correspondence, office records and office handbook information, ensuring efficient and timely updating of filing and archiving is undertaken.
- Ensure office storage areas and facilities are kept tidy, clean and well organised, including the kitchen and ensuring regular recycling is carried out.
- Provide cover for reception at Front of House and for opening and closing the building.
- Reconcile receipts against statements for team members, collate invoices for all online and offline supplies, code and raise invoices and assist with image licensing invoicing.
- Monitor IT/AV equipment and maintain schedule of assets.
- Manage the packing and dispatch of shop products, book courier dispatches and Royal Mail services.

#### Information and Communications

- Ensure the effective flow of information through internal message systems, correspondence and mail-outs. Support external IT suppliers as required in ensuring systems function effectively.
- Support promotion of Autograph's publications/products online and service relationships with distributors and purchasers.
- Undertake annual stocktake/inventory control; manage online sales processing and monitor through spreadsheets.
- Collate monitoring information required for reporting purposes including simple financial reports, tables and graphs and processing of audience surveys and other evaluation information.
- Service Board and team meetings, co-ordinate staff meetings and take minutes.

#### Project Support

- Undertake tasks necessary to support the organisation in the public programme, curatorial/collection and marketing and audience development areas as agreed by the Operations Manager with each area team.
- Support learning and participation project delivery with administration, coordination and resource preparation for onsite and offsite activities both for freelance artists and for Autograph staff.
- Assist with volunteer inductions and support task management where volunteers are undertaking a defined project led by other team members.
- Support the preparation and coordinate delivery of Autograph's public events both at Rivington Place and externally, including evening events as required.
- Assist external consultants and agencies as required.

#### **Other Duties**

Collaborate with other staff across all aspects of the organisation's day-to-day activities and carry out other duties as may be required by the Director. This job description is not intended to be exhaustive. The postholder will be expected to adopt a flexible attitude to the duties which may have to be varied (after discussion) subject to the needs of the organisation, and in keeping with the general profile of the post.



# Person specification

#### The person appointed will require the following competencies:

- Proven experience in a professional environment, with responsibility for supporting office management and project delivery in a team setting.
- Excellent interpersonal skills and ability to interact with people of all ages and backgrounds and engage with diverse audiences through good communication skills, both verbal and written.
- Experience in managing on and offline office administration tasks and filing systems, databases and customer relationship management systems.
- Experience of supporting planning and delivery of public events designed to reach and engage with new users or customers.
- Experience in supporting delivery of workshops/creative participatory activity designed for children and young people.
- Experience of working to meet clearly defined outcomes, meeting deadlines in planning and project delivery as well as reporting requirements of funders and stakeholders.
- Good skills in ICT, including Word and Excel.
- Experience in preparing simple financial information (for example producing invoices /reconciling expenses) and in working to defined budge parameters.
- Experience in servicing online orders and managing returns/sales queries.
- Experience in taking responsibility for unlocking and locking up procedures in an office, shop, cafe or similar public service environment.
- Ability to work on own initiative to prioritise work programme as well as participate flexibly as a member of a small team to support colleagues.

#### Personal Attributes

- Understanding of and empathy for the values driving charitable organisations.
- An appreciation of photography, including work produced by culturally diverse photographic practitioners.
- Interested and curious about issue-led arts and cultural activity.

- Commitment to including everybody, and making Autograph's work accessible to a wide range of audiences.
- Committed to continuous self-directed learning, developing professional competencies and staying abreast of developments in a changing industry.
- Resourceful and flexible thinker who is realistic about problem solving.
- Creative and pragmatic in action and enabling in outlook.



## Equal opportunities policy statement

Autograph is committed to a policy of equality of opportunity in its employment and artistic practices.

In particular, the organisation aims to ensure that no potential or actual employee receives more or less favourable treatment on the grounds of race, colour, ethnic or national origins, marital status, sex, sexual orientation, disability, religious beliefs or age.

Selection criteria and procedures are regularly reviewed to ensure that individuals are selected on the basis of their relevant merits and abilities.

It is the duty of all employees to accept their personal responsibility for the practical application of the policy but at the same time the organisation acknowledges that specific responsibilities fall upon management, supervisory staff and individuals professionally involved in recruitment and employee administration.

To ensure this Policy is consistently applied, responsibilities have been assigned to the director who will monitor the operation of the Policy for both employees and job applicants. Any employee who believes that he or she has been inequitably treated within the scope of the Policy should raise the matter through the grievance procedure. Any job applicant who believes that he or she has been inequitably treated may write to the Director who will investigate the complaint.

The organisation will not tolerate unfair discrimination against any members of its staff by any of its employees or other persons appointed to the service of the organisation.

The organisation is committed to making this Policy properly effective.

#### Interviews and accessibility

Interviews will be held at Rivington Place, which has full level access. If you have a disability and need any adjustments to be made in order for you to participate in the selection process, please let us know as soon as you are invited to an interview so that we can accommodate your needs.

For more information about visiting Autograph and accessibility at our building, click here.

#### **Right to work**

All offers of placements at Autograph are made subject to receipt of satisfactory references. Additionally, under the Asylum and Immigration Act, we are required to check that anyone taking up employment with us has the legal right to work in the UK. All successful applicants will, therefore, be asked to provide us with documentary evidence to support their entitlement to work in the UK prior to taking up employment.

## Data protection

Information provided by you as part of your application will be used in the recruitment process. Any data about you will be held securely and in accordance with General Data Protection Regulations with access restricted to those involved in dealing with your application and in the recruitment process.

Once this process is completed the data relating to unsuccessful applicants will be stored for a maximum of 12 months and then destroyed.

If you are the successful candidate, your application form will be retained and form the basis of your personnel record.

Information provided by you on the equal opportunities monitoring form is separated from your application form will be used to monitor the effectiveness of Autograph's equal opportunities policy and practices.

By signing and submitting your completed application form you are giving your consent to your data being stored and processed for the purposes of the recruitment process, equal opportunities monitoring and your personnel record if you are the successful candidate.

#### Images in this job pack

1) *Abi Morocco Photos: Spirit of Lagos* exhibition at Autograph, London. Curated by Bindi Vora and Lagos Studio Archives. Photograph by Kate Elliott. 2) *Omar Victor Diop: Liberty / Diaspora*, exhibition at Autograph, London. 20 July - 3 November 2018. Curated by Renée Mussai and Mark Sealy. Photograph courtesy Zoë Maxwell. 3) *Armet Francis: Beyond the Black Triangle* exhibition at Autograph. 22 September 2023 - 20 January 2024. Curated by Mark Sealy. Photograph by Kate Elliott. 4) *Rotimi Fani-Kayode: The Studio – Staging Desire* exhibition at Autograph, London. Curated by Mark Sealy. Photograph by Kate Elliott. 5) Workshop at Autograph, London. Photograph by Lewis White. 6) Workshop image from the Family SEND Programme, with thanks to the attendees.



# AUT **O** GRAPH Application form

Vacancy Title:	
Please tell us how or where you heard about this vacancy:	

## 1. Personal Details

First name:	
Last name:	
Address:	
Postcode:	
Telephone number:	
Email address:	
National Insurance number:	

Are you free to remain and take up employment in the UK?

🗌 Yes

🗌 No

You will be required to provide appropriate documentary evidence of this at interview. For examples of acceptable documents please see <u>www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk</u>

#### **Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974**

Because of the nature of the work for which you are applying, this post is exempt from the provisions of Section 4(2) of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 which means that spent convictions must be disclosed and will be taken into account in deciding whether to make an appointment. Any information will be completely confidential and will be considered only in relation to this application.

Have you ever been convicted in a Court of Law and/or cautioned in respect of any offence?

🗌 Yes

🗌 No

If yes, please give details below:

## 2. Education/Qualifications

School (11+)	Study Dates	Qualification and Grade	Date Obtained
College/University	Study Dates	Qualification and Grade	Date Obtained
Ongoing Professional Development	Study Dates	Qualification and Grade	Date Obtained

#### Training and Development

Please use the space below to give details of any training or non-qualification based development which is relevant to the post and supports your application

Training Course	Course Details (including length of course/nature of training/accreditation)

#### Current Membership of Any Professional Body/Organisation

Please give any relevant details including grade of membership:

## 3. Employment History

Please include any previous experience (paid or unpaid), starting with the most recent first.

#### Current or most recent employer

Name of employer:		
Address:		
Postcode:		
Position held:		
Date started:	Date ended:	
Notice period:		

Brief description of duties:			

### Previous employer:

Name of employer:			
Address:			
Postcode:			
Position held:			
Date started:	Da	ate ended:	
Notice period:			

Brief description of duties:		

### Previous employer:

Name of employer:		
Address:		
Postcode:		
Position held:		
Date started:	Date ended:	
Notice period:		

Brief description of duties:		

## 4. Statement

Please tell us with careful reference to the Person Specification, why you are suitable for the role and what your motivation is for working for us. Illustrate your answer by referring to things you have achieved in your previous or current job roles, as a volunteer, and from your life responsibilities, which show how your experience is directly relevant to the tasks you will undertake. Please give specific examples and continue on an additional sheet/s if necessary.

## 5. References

#### Reference 1

Name:	
Job title:	
Organisation:	
Address	
Contact number:	
Email:	
How is this person known to you:	

Do you wish to be consulted before this referee is approached:

🗌 No

#### Reference 2

Name:	
Job title:	
Organisation:	
Address	
Contact number:	
Email:	
How is this person known to you:	

Do you wish to be consulted before this referee is approached:

🗌 Yes

🗌 No

We reserve the right to contact any of your other previous employers within the last three years.

## 6. Declaration

#### Statement to be Signed by the Applicant

Please complete the following declaration and sign it in the appropriate place below. If this declaration is not completed and signed, your application will not be considered:

I agree that Autograph can create and maintain computer and paper records of my personal data and that this will be processed and stored in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

I confirm that all the information given by me on this form is complete and correct and that any untrue or misleading information will give my employer the right to terminate any employment offered. I understand that any offer of employment is subject to the company being satisfied with the results of relevant checks including references, eligibility to work in the UK, criminal convictions and, if necessary for the role, a Disclosure & Barring Service check at the appropriate level.

Signed:	
Date:	

When you return this form by email, you may be asked to sign your application at interview.

Please note here any other employment you would continue with, if you were successful in obtaining this role:

#### If offered employment, when could you start the role?

All of the information collected in this form is necessary and relevant to the performance of the job applied for. We will use the information provided by you on this form, by the referees you have noted, and the educational institutions with whom we may undertake to verify your qualifications with, for recruitment purposes only. The Company will treat all personal information with the utmost confidentiality and in line with current data protection legislation. We rely on the lawful basis to process the information provided by you in this form. Should you be successful in your application, the information provided, and further information which will be gathered at the relevant time, will be subsequently used for the administration of your employment and in relation to any legal challenge which may be made regarding our recruitment practices. For more information on how we use the information you have provided, please see our privacy notice for job applicants which is located at **autograph.org.uk/autograph-job-applicant-privacy-notice** 

# AUT OGRAPH Equal Opportunities Monitoring Form

To enable us to monitor the effectiveness of our policy, it would be appreciated if you could answer the following questions. <u>The answers are separated from your</u> <u>application form before consideration and will be used for statistical purposes only</u>.

#### Monitoring Form

In line with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) Autograph will process personal data only for the purposes of identifying or keeping under review the equality of opportunity or treatment between persons of different racial or ethnic origins, with a view to enabling such equality to be promoted or maintained. We have a legal duty to protect any personal information we collect from you and handling of this data is carried out with appropriate safeguards for the rights and freedoms of all data subjects.

The following questions ask for some personal details. These questions are optional, you can tick 'prefer not to say' if you do not wish to give this information.

To tick a box, double click it.

Post applied for:	

#### Gender

Which of the following best describes your gender?

🗌 Man

🗌 Woman

Non-binary

🗌 I use another term

Please specify:

Prefer not to say

#### **Gender identity**

Is your gender identity the same as the sex you were registered at birth?

🗌 Yes

🗌 No

Prefer not to say

#### **Sexual Orientation**

Which of the following best describes your sexual orientation?

🗌 Bisexual

Gay or Lesbian

Heterosexual/straight

🗌 I use another term

Please specify:

Prefer not to say

#### Disability

By disability we mean any physical or mental health conditions as well as neurodivergence conditions that have a substantial and long-term effect on your ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities. Do you consider yourself to have a disability?

🗌 Yes

If yes, please specify:

🗌 No

Prefer not to say

Has your employer made reasonable adjustment(s) to enable you to carry out your work due to your disability?

🗌 Yes

🗌 No

🗌 Not sure

□ No adjustment required

Prefer not to say

#### Age

What is your age range?

16 – 24

55 – 65

65+

- 25 34
- 33 44Prefer not to say
- 45 54

#### Ethnicity

How would you describe your ethnicity?

- Asian or Asian British: Bangladeshi
- 🗌 Asian or Asian British: Chinese
- 🗌 Asian or Asian British: Indian
- 🗌 Asian or Asian British: Pakistani
- Any other Asian or Asian British background please specify:
- Black or Black British: African
- 🗌 Black or Black British: Caribbean
- Any other Black or Black British or Caribbean background please specify:
- Mixed: White & Black African
- Mixed: White & Black Caribbean
- Mixed: White & Asian
- Any other mixed or multiple ethnic background please specify:
- White
- 🗌 English
- 🗌 Welsh
- 🗌 Scottish
- 🗌 Northern Irish
- 🗌 British
- 🗌 Irish
- Gypsy or Irish Traveller
- 🗌 Roma
- Any other White background please specify:

#### Other ethnic group

- 🗌 Arab
- Any other ethnic group please specify:
- Prefer not to say

#### **Religion and belief**

What is your religion?

🗌 Buddhism

Christianity

- 🗌 Hinduism
- 🗌 Judaism
- 🗌 Islam
- Sikhism
- Other please specify:
- 🗌 None
- Prefer not to say

#### Parental / caring responsibilities

Do you have any children aged 0 to 17 living at home with you, or who you have regular caring responsibility for?

🗌 Yes

🗌 No

Prefer not to say

Do you look after, or give any help or support to family members, friends, neighbours or others because of either: long term physical or mental ill health/disability?

🗌 Yes

🗌 No

Prefer not to say

# AUT OGRAPH Criminal Record Declaration Form

Please note: this role is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974. An application for a criminal record check will be submitted to the Disclosure & Barring Service in the event of this role being offered.

This form must be completed by all applicants. The information disclosed on this form will not be kept with your application form during the application process.

#### Policy statement on recruiting applicants with criminal records

We recognise the contribution that ex-offenders can make as employees and volunteers and welcome applications from them. A person's criminal record will not, in itself, debar that person from being appointed to this post. Suitable applicants will not be refused posts because of offences which are not relevant to, and do not place them at or make them a risk in, the role for which they are applying.

All cases will be examined on an individual basis and will take the following into consideration:

- Whether the conviction is relevant to the position applied for.
- The seriousness of any offence revealed.
- The age of the applicant at the time of the offence(s).
- The length of time since the offence(s) occurred.
- Whether the applicant has a pattern of offending behaviour.
- The circumstances surrounding the offence(s) and the explanation(s) offered by the person concerned.
- Whether the applicant's circumstances have changed since the offending behaviour.

It is important that applicants understand that failure to disclose all unspent convictions could result in disciplinary proceedings or dismissal. Further advice and guidance on disclosing a criminal record can be obtained from <u>Nacro</u>.

Surname:	Forename:	

Do you have any unspent convictions?

	Yes
$\square$	No

If you have answered yes, you now have two options on how to disclose your criminal record.

**Option 1:** Please provide details of your criminal record in the space below

**Option 2:** You can disclose your record under a separate cover provided that you mark a cross on the line below and attach the details in an envelope stapled to this form. The envelope should be marked CONFIDENTIAL and state your name and the details of the post.

I have attached details of my conviction separately (please mark with an X if appropriate:

#### Declaration

I declare that the information provided on this form is correct. I understand that the declaration of a criminal record will not necessarily prevent me from being offered this role at Autograph

Signed:	Date:	