



## **PLB to design exhibitions at the new People's History Museum**

PLB, one of the country's most experienced and respected heritage design and consultancy companies will be responsible for the new £1.7million exhibition design and refit at the People's History Museum in Manchester, which has been designed by museum architects; Austin-Smith:Lord.

Dedicated to the 'extraordinary story of ordinary people', the People's History Museum secured a Stage One Pass in 2006, which earmarks Heritage Lottery Funding of £7.18m to support their One Site Proposal. This will consolidate their two current locations by building an extension to the historic Pump House Gallery on Bridge Street – a former Edwardian pumping station and the only surviving hydraulic pumping station in the City.



PLB, who are based in Yorkshire, have built up an impressive portfolio of work over many years for a wide variety of museums, historic buildings and sites of cultural interest. They design impactful and eye-catching displays and exhibitions for



museums of all sizes. Their specialist consultants also provide strategic planning and advice for visitor management, conservation and access plans, helping museums appeal to as wide an audience as possible – an objective which lies right at the heart of the People's History Museum.

PLB will be working closely with the Project Management team from Hornagold & Hills and the museum's staff and Trustees towards the Stage 2 HLF bid early in 2007. The new museum is planned to be unveiled in autumn of 2009.

The People's History Museum was listed by historian and broadcaster Tristram Hunt as one of his 'top four fascinating sites' to whet the public's interest and broaden their knowledge, in conjunction with the launch of '*History Matters – pass it on*', a joint campaign whose partners include English Heritage, The National Trust and the Heritage Lottery Fund.

PLB's Managing Director, Carolyn Lloyd Brown and her team are delighted to be working as part of the People's History Museum's project team: "Bringing the history of the people to the people is what it's all about for us. The People's History Museum holds unique collections and tells so many fascinating stories about individuals and events which have helped to shape all our lives. The new building will give the museum fantastic opportunities to spread this message even wider."

Go to [www.peopleshistorymuseum.org.uk](http://www.peopleshistorymuseum.org.uk) for current and future events.

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