

CATRIN PODGORSKI
HVG VOLUNTEER LEADER OF THE YEAR 2022



HERITAGE VOLUNTEERING GROUP



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PROJECT AND VOLUNTEER MANAGER
VOCAL EYES

HELPING TO MAKE HERITAGE
ACCESSIBLE FOR ALL

Catrin demonstrated excellence in coordinating 60 remote volunteer researchers with personal experience of access barriers for [Heritage Access 2022](#). She helped them access and review the websites of over 3000 museums and heritage sites, which resulted in the publication of a major report into the experiences, barriers and access provisions for D/deaf, disabled and neurodivergent visitors.

Awards judge Ashley, co-founder of Volunteroo, celebrated Catrin's incredible outcomes...

"Catrin demonstrated her commitment to inclusiveness and accessibility, ensuring that each volunteer had a safe space online. It was clear she collaborated with the volunteers exceptionally well.

This was evidenced in an independent evaluation which 100% of the volunteers said that their accessibility needs had been met during the project. This is exceptional as the majority identify as deaf, blind or visually impaired, disabled and / or neurodivergent,"

The wonderful testimonials from the volunteers demonstrated her success in establishing positive, supportive and nurturing relationships with them and is all the more impressive considering this was a digital role.

"It's a real honour to be recognised by the Heritage Volunteering Group as Volunteer Manager of the Year and being nominated amongst such a talented and hard-working group of people was really special. I am grateful to VocalEyes' volunteers for their dedication to Heritage Access 2022 and believe that their work has helped make a real difference in the heritage sector."

