

The Opportunity

Are you looking to contribute your expertise to one of North America's most exciting and creative businesses? Are you looking to join a strong visionary team, carving out a new path in one of Canada's most innovative communities?

The Woodshop on Fogo Island is seeking a skilled Furniture Maker to join its growing team on Fogo Island, based in the Society of United Fishermen's Hall in Barr'd Islands. If you are as passionate about producing design forward, solid wood furniture as we are and interested in joining a team of skilled makers this could be the perfect position for you. The successful candidate will become an integral player in our continuous creation of new social enterprise opportunities on Fogo Island, strengthening the impact of social business in Canada and abroad.

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| Job Title: | Furniture Maker |
| | Permanent, Full Time |
| Location: | Fogo Island, NL |

Key Responsibilities

The new team member will assist the Production Manager and Woodshop team fabricate wooden furniture and objects. Duties include, but are not limited to:

- Cut, shape, form and assemble furniture, such as tables, chairs, benches, etc. in accordance with Standard Operating Procedures (SOP's)
- Operate woodworking machines such as jointer, planer, lathe, shaper, panel saw, router, etc.
- Read technical drawings and schematics
- Sand and apply finishes such as stain, oil, or paint to products as per SOP
- Follow the production schedule and meet targeted deadlines
- Comply with all company health and safety policies and procedures at all times
- Maintain equipment and keep a clean and well-organized work area
- Work alongside designers and management to resolve design challenges through mock-ups, models and prototyping

Skills and Experience

Training & Experience

- Any combination of training, experience and education which provides the required knowledge, skill and ability to perform the duties of the position
- Cabinetmaking diploma/certificate is preferred
- Employment experience in a professional furniture making facility is preferred
- Minimum of a high school diploma

Position Specific Skills

- Maintains a consistently high degree of accuracy and attention to detail
- Able to interpret technical drawings and problem solve design challenges as needed
- Highly competent operating industrial woodworking equipment, executing advanced woodworking techniques and fabricating production jigs
- Capacity to work in a deadline-oriented, shared work environment
- Good communication skills and a positive outlook
- Possesses a solid understanding of designing with wood and properties of wood

Personal Skills & Interests

- Willing to take direction and learn new skills to succeed in the role
- Is a team player with a roll up your sleeves approach to getting the job done
- Excels in a fast paced and demanding start-up environment
- Shares our passion for small communities

Compensation and Benefits

- Competitive Salary and Benefits package
- Opportunities to advance
- Possible relocation and shared housing assistance (position based on Fogo Island, NL)

About our Organization

Shorefast was established to contribute to the economic and cultural resilience of Fogo Island, Newfoundland, creating a model for contemporary rural communities. Activities are focused at the intersection of business, art, community and nature.

The Shorefast Group operate a social enterprise model where surpluses from business activity flow through the Charity and are reinvested in community programs. Entities under this unique corporate structure include Shorefast Foundation (federally registered Canadian charity) and Fogo Island Arts (contemporary art residency programme), alongside for-profit business ventures including Fogo Island Inn, Woodshop on Fogo Island, Fogo Island Fish, and Community Host Services.

Social business is an emerging field in Canada, where for-profit economic activity directly contributes to positive social outcomes typically served by the non-profit community. Shorefast is a leader in this emerging space, creating not-just-for-profit businesses that maximize return on sacred capital (natural, social, cultural) alongside economic capital. The goal is to create a next generation economy of strong, resilient communities – a global network of deeply local places.

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About Fogo Island

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An island off an island, Fogo Island is an outpost community found at 49.6667° N, 54.1833° W off the northeast coast of Newfoundland, Canada. The Island's history as a relatively self-sufficient fishing community has shaped its settler population and continues to inform our economy and culture. Fogo Island is a place with seven seasons, stunning geology, and hundreds of kilometres of both inland trails and coastal paths; it is home to flora and fauna that include caribou, foxes, sea birds, and many varieties of edible berries and plants.

For centuries, Fogo Island has been home to skilled builders, makers, and artisans who practice such endeavours as boatbuilding, woodworking, quilting, and rug hooking. Over the course of the last half-century, Fogo Island has also become a hub for co-operatively- and locally-owned businesses. When faced with the ultimatum of 'leave, or perish' as dictated by the 1960s Resettlement Program of the provincial government, Fogo Islanders chose to stay. At this same time in its history, Fogo Island was also part of a participatory filmmaking project now known worldwide as The Fogo Process. Out of this initiative, the Fogo Island Co-operative Society was born, which recently celebrated its 52nd year in operation.

The initiatives of Shorefast and other local organizations have built on this legacy and today, Fogo Island is home to a bustling scene of small and medium-sized businesses, a robust population of artists, families of all descriptions, and the all-important fishery that continues to be the backbone of this place.

Contact Us

Please submit a cover letter and CV to **careers@shorefast.org** using the subject line “**Furniture Maker**”

Deadline for Applications: Until Filled.

Questions about this position may be directed to the Woodshop Production Manager via email at **careers@shorefast.org**

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