

THE ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE FUND

CASE STUDY

West Midlands

For 25 years the Architectural Heritage Fund has helped voluntary organisations regenerate historic buildings, creating community and education facilities, workspace and homes. This has often been a catalyst for further regeneration. We have supported relevant voluntary groups with grants, loans and advice on more than 700 projects to date. This is an example.

Interactive museum exhibit; *Enginuity*, Ironbridge Gorge Museum, Coalbrookdale, Shropshire

The Architectural Heritage Fund has assisted the Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust in many restoration projects within the historic Coalbrookdale Ironworks complex.

The Erecting and Assembly Shop was built around 1879 and enlarged between 1883 and 1886. Steam engines and pumping equipment were manufactured here, and an overhead crane still runs the length of the building. The building now houses 'Enginuity', an



interactive gallery for the Museum's collection of historic machines. Opened in July 2002, it affords the young (and not-so-young) an opportunity to become apprentice engineers for the day. As part of the same restoration project, the Old Coalbrookdale Company Offices were also restored to provide a headquarters and teaching rooms for the Museum's Education Department, as well as a gallery and offices.

Organisation: *Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust*

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Listed Grade II; Ironbridge Gorge World Heritage Site

Architectural Heritage Fund assistance: £400,000 loan in 2001

The Architectural Heritage Fund – Registered Charity No 266780

We provide grants, loans and advice to voluntary organisations regenerating historic buildings.

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