

Volunteer Role Description

Education – Family Workshop Facilitator

What is a Family Workshop Facilitator?

Family Workshop Facilitators play a vital role in inspiring our young visitors and providing an exciting, interactive learning experience as part of our family events programme. The programme provides opportunities for families to learn together at drop-in workshops, as well as offering artist-led workshops for children. We also work with partners to take part in a wide range of events throughout the region, such as heritage days and festivals.

Family Workshop Facilitators will help run activities for events as part of a fantastic award-winning team of learning volunteers.

What's in it for you?

- Becoming part of a friendly and dedicated award-winning team
- Inspiring families to learn and create together
- Building on or making use of activity facilitator skills
- Enjoying new experiences and developing your knowledge
- The chance to give your time in your local community
- Being involved with art and heritage

What's involved?

- Assisting with family events in the galleries and Landscape Studio. These could be a mixture of practical, art-based sessions, interactive gallery talks and gallery activity sessions.
- The opportunity to assist with our outreach events programme with partner organisations.
- Taking part in regular Learning Team meetings to help plan, evaluate and develop our events programme for families.
- Help develop and assist with new art-based workshops for our major temporary exhibitions.
- Ensuring best practice for safeguarding and Health and Safety as applicable.

- Helping to make Gainsborough's House accessible to all visitors to ensure they get the best experience
- Following security procedures to help protect the interiors and collection during opening hours
- Ensuring visitors' safety by actively helping to evacuate during an emergency
- Acting as an Ambassador for Gainsborough's House whilst on duty

This role will suit people who... are interested in working with families to inspire creative learning opportunities. Like being part of a team and enjoy working in a busy environment. Are keen to learn and wish to give some time in their local community.

Hours

These will vary according to the events programme. The events take place in school holidays and on occasional weekends. Volunteers can choose which events they would like to support. Event times can vary between two-hour drop-in sessions to full days.

We also hold regular team meetings to plan and evaluate our family learning programme along with other learning teamwork.

Training

New volunteers will shadow someone from our learning team in order to gain experience in how our events run. All workshops have activity sheets outlining each activity. There will also be the opportunity for relaxed learning about the collections and temporary exhibitions on display and in our archives.

Benefits

- Annual learning team visit to a culture and heritage site
- Unlimited free admission to Gainsborough's House and all exhibitions
- Quarterly volunteer meetings and breakfast tours of each exhibition
- Training on collections
- Invitation to the annual summer garden party and a seasonal drinks event
- A monthly E-newsletter

All Learning Team Volunteers need to have a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check, organised through Gainsborough's House.

These roles are purely voluntary, and this arrangement is not meant to be a legally binding one or an employment contract.