

Volunteer Role Description

Education – School Workshop Leader & School Workshop Assistant

What is a School Workshop Leader?

School Workshop Leaders play a vital role in inspiring our young visitors and providing an exciting, interactive learning experience at Gainsborough's House. We welcome school visits from nursery groups right through to A level students, with our core audience being Primary School children.

Workshop Leaders will be responsible for delivering our workshop content and activities for booked groups as part of a fantastic award-winning team of learning volunteers.

What is a School Workshop Assistant?

School Workshop Assistants enable the smooth running of our school visits as part of a fantastic award-winning team of learning volunteers. They assist the workshop leaders in running the activities and may get involved facilitating small group work with children.

What's in it for you?

- Becoming part of a friendly and dedicated award-winning team
- Inspiring young people
- Building on or making use of teaching 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?

School Workshop Leaders

- Leading school workshop sessions in the galleries and Landscape Studios. These could be a mixture of practical, art-based sessions, interactive gallery talks and gallery activity sessions.
- Opportunity to lead sessions as part of our outreach schools programme in a school setting
- Taking part in regular Learning Team meeting to help plan, evaluate and develop our learning programme for schools.
- Help develop and lead 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

School Workshop Assistants

- Assisting with school workshop sessions in the galleries and Landscape Studios. These could be a mixture of practical, art-based sessions, interactive gallery talks and gallery activity sessions.
- Opportunity to assist with sessions as part of our outreach schools programme in a school setting
- Ensuring self-directed school workshop sessions are adequately resourced and their sessions are running smoothly
- Taking part in regular Learning Team meeting to help plan, evaluate and develop our learning programme for schools as appropriate.
- Help develop and lead assist with art-based workshops for our major temporary exhibitions.
- Ensuring best practice for safeguarding and Health and Safety as applicable.
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These roles will suit people who... are interested in inspiring young people in arts and heritage. Like being part of a team who work creatively to develop dynamic learning opportunities for schools. Are keen to learn and wish to give some time in their local community.

Hours

These will vary according to school bookings. The schools can book for a morning, or up to a whole day and there may be set up and pack down time required. Schools tend to come between 10am – 3pm.

We also hold regular team meetings to plan and evaluate school workshops alongside other learning teamwork.

Training

New volunteers will shadow someone from our learning team for each of the workshops they would like to be involved with. Opportunities are available to then gradually lead parts of a workshop. All workshops have staff 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.