

THACKRAY

MEDICAL MUSEUM

Community Engagement Freelancer Brief (Putting the Magic Back into Medicine)

Thackray Medical Museum, Leeds

Thackray Medical Museum is looking for an experienced education and community engagement worker to work with families local to the Museum in LS9, to produce new family learning activities on the theme of “Magic and Medicine”. The activities should be engaging and inspiring for a culturally diverse audience. They will be part of the Museum’s ‘Putting the Medicine Back into Magic’ project which is funded by Arts Council England under the Renaissance Strategic Support Fund.

The family learning activities should be appropriate to families with children aged 5-12 years. They should be suitable for delivery by the Museum’s team of events volunteers as a drop-in activity, accompanying a temporary exhibition on the theme of “The Magic of Medicine”. The activities could draw on the setting of the Museum’s Wilkinson Gallery and its collection of apothecary jars. The accessibility and interpretation of this gallery will also be developed during the same period as part of the same project.

The fee for this project is £1,500.

The appointed person will be required to:

- Develop contact with appropriate family groups representative of potential audiences from the Museum’s local community in LS9, on behalf of the Museum.
- Establish the basis for a sustainable relationship between the families and the Museum through dialogue and evaluation.
- Assimilate content information for use in family learning activities, based on collections and other content to be used in the exhibition.
- Discuss and agree (1) a draft and (2) a final outline plan for the family learning activity with Museum staff.
- Plan and deliver a series of up to 3 activity / consultation sessions with families as a focus for discussion and development of a family learning activity.
- Source and specify for purchase any resources required, in time for use in consultation sessions.
- Finalise and agree the content for the family learning activity with Museum staff, evidencing the input and consultation with families.
- Provide a delivery plan for the learning activity, background information for Museum staff delivering the session, and resource list.

Please apply by CV and covering letter, detailing your suitability for the role, to delphi@thackraymuseum.org or by post to Delphi Tătăruș, Learning and Outreach Manager, Thackray medical Museum, Beckett Street, Leeds, LS9 7LN. Deadline for applications is 09.00 am 26th Novemeber 2012. We will be interviewing on Thursday 7th December. We regret that we are unable to cover costs for attending interview.