

Job Description

Job Title: **Freelance Artist**

Organisation: Wandsworth Museum

Department: Learning & Access Department

Responsible to: Learning and Access Manager

Location: London

Salary/Fee: £100 per workshop (We are looking for 1 or 2 artists to deliver 20 workshops)

Type (full/part-time, length of contract, etc): Freelance contract

Closing Date: **Monday 12th August**

Wandsworth Museum is looking for freelance artists to develop and lead activities for young people attending the Museum's new afterschool club (Monday evenings 4-5.30pm), which launches in September 2013. The weekly club aims to engage local primary school-aged children with art and culture through a series of art- and history-based activities and projects inspired by the Museum's collection, Wandsworth's built and natural environment, and by other arts and heritage venues in the borough. Participants will work towards either an Explore or Discover Arts Award depending on their ability, and for this they will need to create art work, explore artists, visit other arts organisations and share their work.

The afterschool club is open to children with an additional need (learning, financial, social or behavioural) or who are considered 'at risk'. Experience of working with vulnerable children or adults is essential.

Applicants who meet the job description should submit a CV and a cover letter of up to 700 words, outlining their relevant experience and ideas for workshops they could develop with children aged 8-10 years (including children with SEN) in the 1.5hr weekly club. The workshops should creatively explore subjects that are present in the Museum, which charts the history of Wandsworth over the past 23,000 years. We would welcome applications from any form of visual artist and encourage a variety of creative outputs including painting, drawing, animation, acting, puppetry, sculpture etc.

If you would like to apply please send your cover letter (up to 700 words) and CV by **Monday 12th August** to Zoe Fagg at zoe.fagg@wandsworthmuseum.co.uk or Wandsworth Museum, 38 West Hill, Wandsworth, SW18 1RX.

Overall Job Specification

The specific responsibilities of the post-holder are outlined below. This list is not exhaustive and may be amended in line with museum priorities.

- Developing up to twenty creative arts- and history-based workshops, meeting the requirements of the Explore and Discover Art Awards.
- Delivering the weekly workshops with a member of the Museum's Learning Team and supported by a Museum Support Assistant. Supporting individual participants of the afterschool club with the weekly activities.
- Sourcing and purchasing materials for the afterschool club.
- Collecting afterschool club participants from their schools as required.
- Working with the Learning Team to maintain standards of behavior in the club.
- Adhering to the Museum's Child Protection Policy and Health and Safety procedures.

Personal Specification

Qualifications

Desirable:

- History, Art or Drama/Theatre Studies A Level
- Arts or Arts-Education degree

Experience & Knowledge

Essential:

- Experience of developing arts-based workshops for children or young adults in an informal setting.
- Experience of working with children or young people either within or outside of a formal educational setting.
- Awareness of the educational role and potential of museums and how they can support the learning of young people.
- Experience of working with young people or adults with learning difficulties or other additional needs.
- Experience of evaluating arts projects and implementing feedback

Desirable:

- Experience of delivering or supporting the Arts Award.
- Experience of exploring history and heritage through creative processes.

Skills/Abilities/Competencies

Essential:

- Creative approach to working with young people and ability to inspire creativity in others.
- Excellent interpersonal skills and the ability to communicate effectively and professionally.
- Good organisational skills and timekeeping.
- Commitment to high quality customer service.
- CRB check issued in the last 2 years

Desirable:

- Confident user of Microsoft Office, including Word, Excel and Outlook or other similar packages.