



The Ragged School Museum – Family Learning Volunteer

General Background

The Ragged School Museum is an independent museum housed in canal side warehouses built in the year 1872. It once housed London's largest Ragged School, set up by philanthropist Dr Thomas Barnardo. The museum today operates a lively education programme, which aims to educate visitors on the experience of the poor children who once attended this school. During the holidays, the museum runs a programme of free family activities to serve the local community. These are arts focused, and include painting, clay making, cutting, sticking and general art exploration.

The Role

We require casual volunteers to assist with the running of these programmes. The programme runs on Wednesdays and Thursdays of each school holiday, from 10am – 5pm. As a Holiday Volunteer you will:

- Assist visitors on activity tables
- Encourage visitors to take part in the activities on offer
- Provide a welcoming and engaging atmosphere for families
- Assist in the clean down of activities at the end of the day

In return you will:

- Be given an induction and introductory tour by a member of staff
- Gain experience working with children and families
- Gain experience working in a heritage environment
- Have lots of fun!

Desirable qualities and experience

- **An interest in heritage/museums**
- **An interest in working with children and families**
- **Good spoken English**

- **Friendly, engaging and reliable**

Application

For more information about this role, or to apply, please email our Learning Officer, Daniella at daniella@raggedschoolmuseum.org.uk. You can telephone the museum on 0208 980 6451. Please include with your application a short statement explaining why you would like to volunteer on the Holiday Programme.