



Family Tour Volunteer Guide

Role

Can you help us create community through creativity?

Our new Cultural Reforesting Family Tour (working title) will launch in July 2021, offering an opportunity for families to explore the Orleans House grounds through a series of encounters with inhabitants past and present.

Walking through the grounds we encounter ancient trees, flowers, bats, moles, squirrels, even an antelope. Each plant and creature offer an invitation to us to consider their experience in the space by changing our own. Young bats seeing for the first time invite us to close our eyes and feel the surroundings with our hands, our fingers, our palms, to tread the ground, to summon colours into our imaginations, and when we open our eyes imagine we are emerging from a cave to encounter colour for the first time in our lives.

Each inhabitant will guide our interactions with the space and help us to reconsider our own role in the natural world by better understanding theirs.

This interactive tour will last around 30-40 minutes and be delivered with the support of Orleans House's volunteering team. This tour will focus on sound, movement and our shared connections to the natural world.

Tasks and Responsibilities

- Welcoming and engaging with visitors
- Delivering the Family Tour to booked groups on a regular basis
- Collecting visitor feedback about the tours
- Representing Richmond Arts Service and the gallery

Training and Support

We will provide training and an induction to cover all information relating to the role. There will be specific training on how to facilitate the tour and deliver the content effectively. On-going support and supervision will be provided by staff throughout your time with us. Additionally, there are regular training sessions and events to supplement and further your initial training.

Desirable qualities and experience

- Experience of or eagerness for dealing with members of the public
- Experience of or eagerness for engaging with and/or facilitation of activities with children and families
- Enthusiasm for storytelling, drama, art or heritage
- Willingness to learn
- Confident when meeting new people
- Good time keeping

Availability

The tour will run on Sundays at 11:15am throughout the year, and on Tuesdays and Sundays throughout school holidays.

Location

This role is based at Orleans House Gallery, primarily in the woodlands and throughout the site.

Expenses

We will cover travel expenses up to £12 per day.

How to Apply

Please complete our application form through our website, which is available at <https://www.orleanshousegallery.org/get-involved/volunteer/>

Our Volunteers Co-ordinator will then contact you for an introductory chat, to learn more about your interest in volunteering and discuss the role further.

Background

Richmond Arts Service is based at Orleans House Gallery on the Riverside in Twickenham, promoting arts, culture and heritage through a programme of exhibitions, festivals, events and activities for everyone in the community.

Home to the Richmond Borough Art Collection, comprising of over 4,400 artworks, at a site with a rich 300+ year history, Orleans House Gallery works with local, national and international artists and community partners to engage with the community, as we have done since 1972.