



Tour Guide Volunteer

Richmond Arts Service and Orleans House Gallery

Can you help us build community through creativity?



Orleans House
Gallery

We currently offer a range of tours to the public and a variety of groups to increase understanding of the history of the house and gallery, our collection and its context in the local area. These activities are volunteer led, guiding visitors around the site, providing interpretation and storytelling through tours on a variety of subjects.

Tasks and Responsibilities

- Welcoming and engaging with visitors
- Delivering of programme of tours to booked groups on a regular basis
- Collecting visitor feedback about the tours
- Supporting our volunteer training programme through tour delivery
- Representing Richmond Arts Service and the gallery

What we hope you will get from the role

- The opportunity to meet new people and engage with the local community
- Increased confidence in sharing stories with a range of audiences
- Development of training and coaching skills through supporting other guide volunteers
- Improved and demonstrable communication skills
- Valuable experience of a contemporary art gallery, crossing the arts, cultural and heritage sectors
- An understanding of the breadth of arts activity offered by Richmond Arts Service

Training and Support

We will provide training and an induction which covers all aspects of the role. There will be specific training on how to facilitate our tours 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 to supplement and further your initial training, as well as a varied programme of volunteer events and activities to join in, meet people and learn something new!

Desirable qualities and experience

- Enthusiasm for storytelling, drama, history, architecture and/or art
- Experience of or eagerness for facilitation of activities with a range of audiences
- Willingness to learn
- Confident when meeting new people
- Good time keeping



Availability

The gallery is open to the public Tuesday to Sunday, 10am – 5pm.

Tours typically run during Gallery opening hours, across the week.

Location

This role is based throughout the site at Orleans House Gallery, both indoors and outdoors.

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 and culture through a programme of contemporary art exhibitions, festivals, events and activities for everyone in the community.

We foster creativity and enjoyment of the arts, enable people to reflect on their lives and develop new ways of seeing the world. We bring thought-provoking art to the Borough and cultivate a network of individuals, organisations and programmes that nourishes the arts, local organisations and communities.

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.

