



Volunteering at the Royal Academy...

Community Art Project Volunteer, summer and autumn 2015

The Royal Academy of Arts is one of the UK's leading arts institutions, dedicated to making, exhibiting and debating art.

Burlington House, an ornate seventeenth century mansion in the middle of bustling modern-day Mayfair, has been our home since 1867. In 2000 we purchased nearby Burlington Gardens and have exciting plans to link these two buildings by our 250th anniversary year in 2018 – our Masterplan.

The role

The Masterplan, which is supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund, will run from 2015 – 2018. During this time we will be running a series of activities designed to encourage even more people to learn about and engage with the history of the Royal Academy, including its buildings and Collection.

The first of these activities is a project to create an interpretive community artwork which will be produced on a large scale and will be displayed on the hoardings outside 6 Burlington Gardens during the building works (approximately one year). Using the architecture of the Royal Academy's buildings and Collection as a stimulus, a freelance artist will work with a three different groups – students from local Further Education (FE) colleges, a class of primary school children and local parents and children.

We are looking for two passionate and outgoing volunteers to work on all aspects of the project, to support both the freelance artist and the project participants.

What is the time commitment?

This project will run from March – October 2015 and will need the following commitment:

March: 1-2 half-day preparatory sessions

April: 1-2 half-day preparatory sessions

May/June/July: 6 half-day workshops

September/October: 6 half-day workshops

Please note: most of these sessions will be mid-week, with the exception of two which will run on a weekend.

What will you be doing?

- Working with the project team – freelance artist and Heritage Learning and Interpretation Manager – to plan workshop sessions and create resources using the RA's buildings and Collections as stimuli
- Supporting all aspects including set up and delivery of 12 half day workshops – some at FE colleges and a primary school, others at the Royal Academy
- Supporting individual participants to create artworks

What will this volunteer opportunity offer you?

- Experience on a high profile Heritage Lottery-funded community project
- Opportunity to work with an established artist educator and an experienced heritage learning practitioner
- Experience of working on a project from start to finish
- Experience of supporting with three different audiences: FE students, primary school children and family groups

Interview and training requirements

In order to be taken on for this role you must be available to attend an informal interview on Wednesday 11th or Friday (am only) 13th March 2015.

You will be expected to have a DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) check, which will be arranged by the Royal Academy.

What are we looking for?

- Pro-active team members with an intuitive and enthusiastic approach and a passion for engaging with children and young people. Great communication skills and confidence to provide a warm welcome
- Interest in the arts and heritage and communicating this to a wider audience in an engaging way
- Ability and willingness to take a pro-active approach to supporting the activities within the workshops – seeking out relevant information, and suggesting different and improved ways of working.
- Ability to treat each participant as an individual, recognising their personal requirements
- A good team player with strong interpersonal skills. Will work alongside and take direction from the project team including the artist and learning staff.

Please note: travel expenses will be reimbursed for this role at a maximum of £10 per day, proof of travel needed.

How to Apply?

Please visit <http://www.royalacademy.org.uk/careers-at-the-ra> to download an Expression of Interest form and send to recruitment@royalacademy.org.uk

More information about the Masterplan project is available here:

<http://www.royalacademy.org.uk/buildings>