

2023 Greater London Area Arts Society Volunteering Opportunities

Benjamin Franklin House 36 Craven Street WC2N 5NF

Front of House Volunteers required at this Grade 1 historic house – from running the Box Office to leading tours of the house for visitors. One day per week. Roles especially suited to those with strong interest in the public side of museums/heritage work.
Contact Jessica Eykel at supervisor@benjaminfranklinhouse.org

British Dental Association, 64 Wimpole Street, London W1G 8YS

Experienced Book Conservators needed in their library.
Contact Helen Nield on 020 7563 4545 or email library@bda.org

Conway Hall, 25 Red Lion Square, London WC1 4 RL

Conway Hall's library houses the Ethical Society's collection of Humanist research material. The work involves noting the condition of books, their cleaning and conservation. Book Conservation Training is needed. There is a vacancy for an experienced book conservationist.

Contact –
Email holly@conwayhall.org.uk

Design Museum, Commonwealth Institute, Kensington High Street, Kensington

The Design Museum has moved to new premises at the old Commonwealth Institute on High Street Kensington. They are looking for volunteers for four different roles and training will be given for each one

Welcomer

A volunteer is needed to deliver excellent customer service, provide information and handouts, orientate people, and supervise an activity table. Be familiar with forthcoming events/exhibitions and provide information on local facilities (tube, ATM machines, Boris bicycles etc).

Library Volunteer

Help set up the new library and its procedures; assist the public, students and museum curators with their enquiries and research (this is not a lending library, ie the books cannot be taken away but must be read in situ). An interest in contemporary design is desirable.

Please contact the Volunteers manager on
Tel. 020 3862 5875
Email volunteer@designmuseum.org

Dickens Museum, 48 Doughty Street, London WC1N 2IX

The main need is for room stewards/guides to look after visitors to Dickens London home. General stewarding plus some conservation roles will be needed in the future.
Contact Sylvia Contro tel. 020 7405 2127
email volunteers@dickensmuseum.com

Dorich House still needs volunteers to help out in various ways at this beautiful Modernist House on Kingston Hill in Kingston Vale. The former studio home of the sculptor Dora Gordine and her husband, a scholar of Russian art and literature, Dorich House is now a Grade II listed building. The house was acquired and renovated by Kingston University in 1991 and is now open to the public as a fully accredited museum. Volunteers are needed for front of house and helping with occasional exhibitions.

Please contact J.Sajovie@kingston.ac.uk

Emery Walker House, 7 Hammersmith Terrace, Chiswick

A fascinating terraced house overlooking the Thames, which was the home of Emery Walker - printer, collector and mentor to William Morris. It is open on Thursdays and Saturdays for special guided tours in groups of maximum 8 visitors. The tours will last one hour and are pre-booked. After an introductory talk you will accompany the visitors through all the main rooms in the house and (weather permitting), the garden, bringing to life the history of this unique house beside the Thames. Volunteers are urgently needed to act as tour guides and training will start soon. Please contact Ashley Paul on tel: 020 8741 4104 by email on info@emerywalker.org.uk

Foundling Museum 40 Brunswick Square, London WC1N 1AZ

This museum tells the story of Britain's first home for abandoned children. There are some vacancies for volunteers interested in either gallery stewarding or reception work. The museum is open from Tuesday to Saturday 10.00am to 5.00pm and on a Sunday from 11.00am to 5.00pm but volunteer hours are flexible. There are current vacancies. Contact Vincent Rice on tel. 0209 7841 3611 or volunteers@foundlingmuseum.org.uk

The Garden Museum, 5. Lambeth Palace Road, London SE1 7LB

St.Mary's church houses a beautiful exhibition space which is home to the Garden Museum. This museum explores our relationship with, and the social history of gardens. This museum, the first of its kind, is looking for volunteers to help with front of house and in the shop. Training will be given. Shifts are 10.00am to 2.00pm and /or 1.30pm to 5.30pm with breaks for refreshments.

Potential volunteers should please go to the website for a volunteer application form. The volunteer manager is Bea Olivier

Handel House Museum, 25 Brook Street, London W1K 4HB Currently CLOSED FOR RE-FURBISHMENT

Handel House is a small and beautiful museum in central London, largely staffed by a team of dedicated volunteers of all ages. All volunteers help with gallery attendant duty and there are opportunities to become involved in a range of activities, including reception duty, shop assistant, assisting with events and weekly concerts, tour guiding and delivering Saturday Talks. The rota is flexible (one shift per week minimum), shifts are either 10.00am – 1.30pm or 1.30pm – 6.00pm (Tuesday to Saturday) or 12.00noon – 4.00pm or 2.00pm – 6.00pm (Sunday).

Headstone Manor and Museum, Pinner View, Harrow, HA2 6PZ

Volunteers are needed to audit the collection of Fine Art. Training will be given in object handling and cataloguing. Volunteers will work alongside the Curator and also with local artists.

Please contact Stacey Bagdi on either 020 8436 6384 or by email at stacey.bagdi@harrow.gov.uk

Household Cavalry Museum, Horse Guards, Whitehall, London SW1A 2AX

This museum is located in a historic building adjoining the stables of the horse guards. Volunteers wanted mainly for room stewardship. Flexible arrangements for the rota. Contact Alice Pearson tel. 020 7930 3090 or vs@householdcavalry.co.uk

Kingston Museum, Wheatfield Way, Kingston KT1 2PS

Kingston Museum is run by the Kingston Heritage Service, needs volunteers to greet visitors and to help out in the museum shop. The commitment is for one or two half-day shifts per week on a Tuesday, Thursday, Friday or Saturday. It might also be possible for volunteers to help out with some of the museum's children and family events.

Kingston Museum, Wheatfield Way, Kingston KT1 2PS.

Please contact Judy de Sarum at Judy.desarum@kingston.gov.uk

Kingston University needs volunteers to work on their archives in the new Town House building on Penrhyn Road, which won the Stirling prize in 2021. Among the archives, is one which holds primary resource material on the life and work of the twentieth-century novelist and philosopher Dame Iris Murdoch (1919-1999). This is an extensive archive comprising her private libraries, books, letters, journals and other documents. The archivist in charge of this Special Collection is looking for volunteers to help with various tasks including listing, repackaging and transcribing.

You can get a sense of their holdings by clicking on this link:

<https://www.kingston.ac.uk/library-and-learning-services/archives-and-special-collections/>

Please contact Dayna Miller (Archivist) at D.Miller@kingston.ac.uk

Leighton House –

Leighton House is looking for Room Guides. Volunteers will provide a warm and friendly welcome to visitors and make sure no works are damaged. You can sit down whilst in the Museum and take breaks in the volunteer room where tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided. Travel expenses can be reimbursed up to £6.00 per day. Guides are needed for every day except Tuesdays when it is closed to the public. Shifts are either in the morning from 10.00am to 1.30pm and /or the afternoon 1.30pm to 5.30pm, and you can arrange these with Leighton House to suit yourself. Training will be given.

Please contact Tracey Lazarus by email at tracey.lazarus@rbkc.gov.uk

Linley Sambourne House, 18 Stafford Terrace W8.

This house was the home of Punch cartoonist Edward Linley Sambourne, his family and their servants. This late Victorian family home is preserved almost entirely intact, giving a memorable insight into the lives of the Sambournes and the world in which they lived.

Volunteer Room guides are needed from 1.45 to 5.30 on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Room guides must keep an eye on all the contents of the room so as to ensure

nothing is damaged or taken by any visitor, and can be seated in the room. Guides may also swap rooms with other guides during the afternoon if they so wish. Tea, coffee and biscuits are provided and travel expenses up to £6 per day can be claimed on receipt of a ticket. Contact Tracey Lazarus by email on tracey.Lazarus@rbkc.gov.uk or on tel.020 7471 9158

The National Archives, Kew, Richmond Surrey TW9 4DU

The National archives accept volunteers for specified jobs. If you register as a volunteer your name will be kept on their mailing list, and you will receive all details of vacancies. Contact Collection Care Department consequiries@nationalarchives.gsi.gov.uk

Old Royal Naval College, 2 Cutty Sark Gardens, Greenwich London SE10 9LW

The ORNC comprises Discover Greenwich (a small museum), Chapel and Painted Hall. They need volunteers to assist their Visitor Experience Team in providing a warm welcome and an informative visit. Volunteers will carry out research, run object handling lessons, assist the Learning and Interpreting team in delivering learning programmes for adults and young learners. They will also provide behind the scenes office support and work on projects with the Marketing and Events Team. ORNC provides training for volunteers. Hours are flexible, but volunteers must commit to 3.5 hours per week or 1 day a fortnight for a period of 3 months – this is on a rolling basis.

Contact Ann Burton tel. 020 8269 4794 or email volunteer@ornc.org

Reform Club, 104 Pall Mall, St. James's, London SW1Y 5EW

We have had a group of volunteers work on book conservation in the Reform Club for many years. They are looking for another trained volunteer to join the group.

Royal Academy of Arts, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London W1J 0BD

The Royal Academy of Arts is looking for a (preferably experienced) book conservator to join their team. The hours are 10.30am to 12.30 on a Wednesday.

Please contact Adam Waterton on 020 7300 5740 or at adam.waterton@royalacademy.org.uk

Royal Asiatic Society, 14 Stephenson Way, London NW1 2HD

This club was founded as a forum for those interested in languages, cultures and the history of Asia. Four volunteers needed to do archive work

Contact – Ed Weech (RAS librarian) ew@royalasiaticsociety.org or Nancy Charley (RAS Archivist) at nc@royalasiaticsociety.org tel. 020 7724 4741

Royal Institution, 21 Albermarle Street, London W1S 4BS ON HOLD

The Royal Institution was founded in 1799 and is an organisation devoted to scientific education and research. Many scientific discoveries were announced from there and Faraday's actual laboratory (not a reconstruction), including his pot of liquid gold can be seen in the Faraday Museum. They have a large library including some rare and beautiful books. They are looking for volunteers to do book and document conservation – cleaning and minor repairs in preparation for the material to go on-line. There is work for the experienced book volunteer as well as for those with less experience. Work will take place for either a full or half day on either a Thursday or Friday from 10.00 to 4.00 with a set break for lunch. There is a lovely coffee area at the top of the building.

Royal Institute of British Architecture, 66 Portland Place, London W1B 1AD

British Architectural Library - The Robert Elwall Photographs Collection

Volunteers are required, ideally with architectural background or knowledge (but those with an interest in architecture and/or photography will be welcome), have basic computer skills to sort, organise, list and catalogue photographic material once a week on a day to be agreed with Valeria. The most important requirements in the volunteers are accuracy and attention to detail. The swipe card you will use to gain access to the library will also give you discounts in the RIBA cafes and bookshop, and access to the staff canteen.

Contact Valeria Carullo tel. 020 7307 3710 or email Valeria.Carullo@riba.org

No vacancies at the moment but this will change in the future.

Royal Society of Medicine, 1 Wimpole Street, London W1G 0AE

The Royal Society of Medicine is one of the major suppliers of postgraduate education. One experienced volunteer needed for book conservation

Contact – Siubhan Brew on 020 7290 2900

St Saviours Church, St George's Square, Pimlico SW1

This church has been undergoing extensive repair and refurbishment recently. Volunteers are needed to clean and repair kneelers in the church. This is a job which can be done at home or in a group in a room in the church. For further details, please contact Rosalie Gowlland on 01380 859186 or at rosalie.gowlland@gmail.com

Scots Guards Museum, Wellington Barracks, Birdcage Walk, London SW1E 6HQ

The Scots Guards Museum need help with digitising photographs from albums well annotated. This work would be done in the Museum on Birdcage Walk during working hours convenient to the volunteer between Monday and Thursday and in agreement with the museum.

They also have a second project which could be done at home. This is to assemble a record of digitally of items of interest to the Scots Guards which are held in other Collections and archives eg the Imperial war Museum, National Army Museum, National Archives of Scotland etc.

Please contact gguardamuseum@aol.co.uk or 020 7414 3428

Sir John Soane Museum, 13 Lincoln's Inn Fields, WC2A 3BP

This compact and fascinating museum which was left to the nation by Sir John Soane, (1753 – 1837) requires room guides and stewards to work alongside experienced members of the museum staff assisting them with visitors. The rooms are filled with furniture, paintings, fragile models under glass domes, ceramics and other works of art, as a guide, you will help to bring the rooms alive for the visitors. Training will be given. The museum is open all year round from Tuesday to Saturday, 10.00am to 5.00pm. Schedule is very flexible, but please note the visitor route is narrow and there are stairs.

Please contact Tara Sutin by email tsutin@soane.org.uk

Strawberry Hill House, 268 Waldegrave Road, Twickenham, TW1 4ST

Strawberry Hill House in Twickenham began life as a modest house built by coachmen in 1698. It was developed into the finest example in Britain of Georgian Gothic Revival architecture and interior decoration by Horace Walpole – the son of Robert Walpole, England's first Prime Minister. Strawberry Hill House is looking for room guides and help with front of house. The house is open during the hours 10.00 to 6.00 from Monday to Wednesday and on some Sundays (last visitor entry 5.00). Visitors are encouraged to pre-

book their visit. There are 2 shifts each of these days 10.00 to 2.15 and 2.00 to 6.00 each with a rest break. Induction training and on-going training will be given. Benefits include free anytime access for you, plus a 50% discount for anyone you bring with you, free tea and coffee. 10% discount in the cafe and also a discount in the shop.

Please contact Zita McDonald 020 8744 1241 or by email at ZitaMcDonald@strawberryhillhouse.org.uk

Turners House, Sandycombe Lodge, 40 Sandycombe Road, Twickenham, Middlesex TW1 2LR

Front of house duties, eh meeting and greeting; Guiding around the rooms; manning reception desk

Contact Lucy Thompson, Trustee and House Director on 020 8892 5485 or emailhousedirector@turnershouse.org

University College London. UCL Library Services Gower Street WC1E 6BT

Four more volunteers are required to assist book preservation in the library and the archives. Monday to Friday, mornings and/or afternoons.

Westminster City Library Archives Centre 10 St. Ann's Street, SW1P 2DE

Volunteers required to join other volunteers caring for books and paper repair. Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays. Flexible.

Contact Georgia Vassou 020 7641 5162 email gvassou@westminster.gov.uk

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We also have volunteers at the places below but there are no current vacancies. If you are interested in any of them, please let us know so that we can put your name onto a waiting list and you will be contacted when an opening occurs. Thank you.

Goldsmiths Hall

Highgate Literary and Scientific Institution

House of Lords

Kings Royal Rifle Corps

Lambeth Palace

London Metropolitan Archives

Museum of London

National Trust – Chartwell

National Trust – Ham House

National Trust – The Homewood

National Trust – Polesden Lacy

National Trust - Standen

Parliamentary Archives

Quaker House

Royal Academy of Art

Royal Society of Antiquaries

St. Bride Foundation

Glyn Farrow
St. Bride Foundation
Bride Lane
Fleet Street
London EC4Y 8EQ
020 7353 3331
glyn@sbf.org.uk

St Paul's Cathedral

Society of Antiquaries

Southside House, Wimbledon

Tate Britain

Victoria and Albert Museum

Wakehurst, Kew

Wallace Collection – Out of the Frame Project

Education Department
The Wallace Collection
Hertford House
Manchester Square
London W1U 3BN
020 7563 9577

Westminster Abbey Museum

Westminster Archives

2, Temple Place

Completed Projects

Central St. Martin's School of Art

Anna Buruma

Granary Building
1, Granary Square
Kings Cross
London N1C 4AA
a.buruma@csm.arts.ac.uk

Lancelot Capability Brown – work at home PROJECT ON HOLD

2016 is the 300th anniversary of the birth of Lancelot Capability Brown (usually just called Capability Brown). There will be a Capability Brown Festival and we have been asked to provide researchers. The job involves searching on-line for old maps of CB sites – they are all over the country. Training will be given but this is a job which can be done at home with a computer in your own time but please keep a note of the hours that you do!

Contact Judith Al-Seffar (NADFAS Parks and Gardens) on Judith.nadfaspg@gmail.com

Museum of Army Music, The Royal Military School of Music, Knellar Hall, 2 Knellar Road, Twickenham TW2 7DN

Volunteers needed to catalogue the collection of photographs. The museum has an extensive collection of historic photographs of military bands and occasions from the 19th century to the present day

Please contact Esther Mann on 020 8744 8635 or 07786 521538 or email camus.curator@gmail.com

Chelsea Physic Garden

Fulham Palace

Nia McKintosh
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London SW6 6EA
nia.mcIntosh@fulhampalace.org
020 7751 2432

Wiener Holocaust Museum

