

## Learning Volunteer role profile

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### What is a Learning Volunteer?

The role of the Learning Volunteer is to support the Learning Officer to deliver fun and interactive workshops, with the possibility of delivering workshops independently (following training). They assist school groups in engaging with the museum exhibits, handling artefacts and craft activities both inside and outside the museum. They help to create and manage fun resources and set up and clear away the learning environment.

### What's in it for you?

As a Learning Volunteer at the American Museum you can gain new skills as well as the experience of working within the heritage sector. You will feel part of a team and meet new people. You can choose to explore the museum and grounds on days that you are not volunteering.

A mileage allowance is available within agreed guidelines.

Use your knowledge, skills, ideas and experience to offer feedback on how the education programme is run and developed. Be involved with outdoor and creative learning. We also offer team events and trips for all our volunteers.

### What's involved?

Welcome school groups to the museum

Help prepare workshops and other materials in advance

Work with objects and support children in learning about and handling artefacts.

Support and deliver set education workshops:

American West. Native Americans, History Diversity and Legacy, American West.

Help with clearing away of object handling artefacts and craft activities after visit.

Engage in supporting Early Years groups and outdoor learning.

This includes setting up and tidying away and may involve moving heavy items

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## This role will suit people who...

Have relevant past teaching/T.A. experience or experience of working with children of different age groups in a fun and engaging way. Good communication skills with children and young adults. We are looking for creative and flexible thinkers. An interest in outdoor learning and some understanding or interest in American history and the diversity of American culture and people would be an advantage.

Prepared to undertake a DBS check

## Extra information

### Time commitment

We are looking for volunteers to support us from March through to October and for the Christmas season on an ad hoc basis. Workshops can be booked on a Tuesday, Thursday and Friday during the school term. Each volunteer session is for four hours and you will be given plenty of notice of a workshop booking.

### Contact

Learning Officer

### Tel

### Email

Jennifer.sharratt@ americanmusuem.org

### What you need to wear/ bring

Smart/casual clothes. An American Museum Fleece will be provided.

### Training/Resources

All new volunteers will receive training from the Learning Officer including shadowing sessions and gain an overview of the role and how the organisation works. There will be an Introduction to *Museum Learning sessions* training to include an introduction to the gallery displays, the learning sessions, museum policy and procedures and safe guarding.

### Expenses

Out-of-pocket travel costs between home and volunteering place will be paid (up to a maximum of £9 per session), and other reasonable expenses that have been agreed in advance.

### Website

[americanmuseum.org](http://americanmuseum.org)

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## About the American Museum

The Museum was founded in 1961 and with its remarkable collection of folk and decorative arts it shows the diverse and complex nature of American traditions. The only museum of Americana outside the United States, it was founded to bring American history and cultures to the people of Britain and Europe.

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