

Learning Volunteer Role Profile

What is a Learning Volunteer?

As a Learning Volunteer you will support the Learning Officer to deliver fun and interactive workshops, help school groups to engage with the Museum exhibits and properly handle artefacts. You will also help create and manage fun resources and get involved in setting up and clearing away after activities in the learning environment.

What's in it for you?

- You will gain new skills.
- You will meet new people and feel part of a team.
- You will use your knowledge and skills to enhance indoor and outdoor creative learning.
- You will give feedback to the Learning Officer to help with future planning.
- You will be part of introducing the museum-goers of the future to the world of heritage.
- You will have fun!

What's involved?

- Welcoming school groups to the Museum.
- Helping prepare materials and workshops in advance.
- Working with objects and supporting children to learn, understand, and handle artefacts.
- Supporting and delivering set education workshops such as the American West, Native Americans, History Diversity and Legacy.
- Engaging in the support of Early Years groups and outdoor learning.
- Helping to set up and clear away which may at times involve moving heavier items.

This role will suit people who...

- have past teaching/TA experience or have worked with children of different age groups in a fun and engaging way.
- have good communication skills with children and young adults.
- are creative and flexible thinkers.
- have an interest in outdoor learning.
- have an understanding or interest in American history and the diversity of American culture.

Extra information

Time commitment	Workshops last up to four hours and take place regularly between March and the end of October. There is an occasional need for support during the December pre-Christmas period. Workshops are booked well in advance so you will be given plenty of notice.
Learning Officer	Vicky Nelson 01225 823014 vicky.nelson@americanmuseum.org
Training/Resources	All new volunteers will be given full training by the Learning Officer including shadowing sessions and an overview of how the organisation works. You will be introduced to the gallery spaces, the learning sessions, museum policy and procedures, and safeguarding.
DBS checks	You must be prepared to undertake a DBS check for this role.
What you need to wear/bring	The dress code is smart casual with appropriate outdoor clothing and footwear. Coffee/tea and cookies are provided. Travel expenses to a maximum of £9 per session.

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.

The Museum tweaked its name in September 2018 to become American Museum & Gardens, marking the launch of the transformed Mount Vernon and new, New American Garden