

Volunteer Role Description: Community Curators Journeys Project

We are looking for volunteers to work with Dulwich Picture Gallery to co create a new display at the Gallery in 2020 on the theme of Journeys.

The Journeys project will bring together paintings in our collection by artists who were from countries outside the United Kingdom with a new community co-curated display exploring the theme of migration. We will explore links between the stories of artists such as Giovanni Antonio Canaletto, Sir Anthony van Dyck and Sir Peter Paul Rubens and the experiences of people living today, using our artworks to open up discussions about art, identity and belonging. Our objective is to make our Collection relevant to more diverse visitors and enable more audiences to create meaningful connections to our paintings.

The Community curators will work in partnership with the Gallery curatorial team to co-create the Journeys display, they will select the artworks, draw out the narratives and write the interpretation.

What you can expect to do in the role:

1. Training and Development

You will receive training and development opportunities to help build your understanding of the arts and heritage sector. Training will include areas such as understanding interpretation, collections and archives, working with difficult histories and supporting your wellbeing and self-care, delivered in collaboration with the Recovery College of the South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust (SLaM)

2. Exploration Days

Exploration days will support community curators and the Gallery team to research, explore and discuss the narratives, themes and language in relation to the Gallery Collection and migration. Exploration days will be informal and allow space for discussion and challenging narratives. These discussions will be used to inform the decision making at the programming meetings.

3. Programming Meetings

Programming meetings will bring together community curators, Gallery curators and the learning team and will focus on making key decisions for the display. You will select the paintings, develop interpretative text and feed into audio guide content and public programming.

You don't need to have volunteered with us before, and training will be provided.

We're looking for people:

- Who have lived experience and/ or a personal connection to the theme of migration
- Who have an interest and enthusiasm for arts, heritage and/or community engagement
- Who enjoy working in collaboration with other people

- Who have good communication and listening skills
- Who are able to demonstrate respect and empathy when working with different groups of people
- Who are able to commit to attending regular meetings at Dulwich Picture Gallery between October – December 2019

What you'll get:

- An opportunity to co-curate a display at Dulwich Picture Gallery based on your stories and experiences
- Access to a training and development programme and support to develop your skills within the arts, heritage and community sectors
- The opportunity to meet new people and have fun
- ESOL and access support are also available on request
- Up to £10 per day travel expenses

Commitment:

We are looking for volunteers who are available to meet on a weekly basis between October and December. The majority of workshops will be at Dulwich Picture Gallery, and occasionally other locations in London.

Dates and Times of workshops will be announced at the Information Sessions on **Tuesday 10 September and Thursday 19 September 2.00-4.00pm**

How to apply

If you are interested, please complete a Volunteer Registration form and send it to: Learning Team, Dulwich Picture Gallery, Gallery Road SE21 7AD or by email to volunteering@dulwichpicturegallery.org.uk

We will be hosting Information Sessions for the Journeys Community Curators Project **Tuesday 10 September and Thursday 19 September 2.00-4.00pm** at Dulwich Picture Gallery, to book a space please email the Learning Team via volunteering@dulwichpicturegallery.org.uk

If you are unable to attend the taster sessions we can also arrange for a telephone catch up, please email Kelly via volunteering@dulwichpicturegallery.org.uk to book an appointment.

Requirements

Applicants must be willing to sign the DPG Volunteer Agreement and complete all training required for the role.