

Come and help us encourage learners of all ages to be curious at Kensington!



We are looking for enthusiastic and friendly people to join our education volunteers' community at Kensington Palace.

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Kensington Palace has undergone an exciting and innovative £12 million transformation project and will re-open on the 26th March 2012. We now have a new Clore Learning Centre at Kensington with fantastic new facilities and hope to welcome more school groups, families and adult learners to the palace.

As an education volunteer, you will be joining the education team at Kensington Palace delivering a range of learning activities for all ages. Our aim is to encourage our learners to come and be curious at Kensington. We work with learners from 5 to 90 years old; primary and secondary school students, GCSE and A level students, family audiences and adult education learners.

Kensington Palace is a royal palace and has been lived in by members of the royal family for over 320 years. Built in 1689 for William III and Mary II, Kensington Palace has been home to some of Britain's most famous royals including George II, Queen Victoria and Princess Margaret, and the setting for many great events and dramas in royal history. It is a palace filled with stories of events that shaped our nation's history and more personal stories too of the people who have lived and worked at here. The quest for identity, national and personal, is a central element of the programmes at Kensington. We aim to use the uniqueness of the palace as a rich resource to explore these themes in our education programmes.

Education volunteers' role

Your role will be to support the education team by offering a 5 star visitor service and by being an enthusiastic, warm and friendly face to all our learners, teachers and families. Your natural warmth, enthusiasm and flair for delighting the customer will be crucial as you help our learners to explore Kensington.

You will be joining an established and diverse team of volunteers at Kensington Palace who have successfully supported the education team over the last 3 years.

We have opportunities for the following roles:

- Schools volunteers – term time, Mon - Fri

- Family Learning volunteers – school holidays and weekends
- Adult Education volunteers – evenings and weekends

A love of history and a passion for communicating with children as well as learners of all ages is essential!

Anticipated time contribution / Next steps

We are flexible about how much time you can give us. When you apply please specify which type of education role would suit you best and we'll then meet with you to talk about the opportunities available.

If you are interested in applying for this role, please complete a volunteer registration form and return it to Sarah Levine, Apartment 45, Hampton Court Palace, KT8 9AU or email it to Sarah.Levine@hrp.org.uk.

Forms are available to download from our website – www.hrp.org.uk or paste this link into your browser:

<http://www.hrp.org.uk/aboutus/workingforus/ourvolunteers>. Please put on your form that you're interested in getting involved as an education volunteer.

The education team will get in touch directly once you've submitted your application and will arrange a time for you to come in and chat with them about opportunities. There will be training sessions for all volunteers on one of the following dates:

- Tuesday, 28 February 2012
- Thursday, 1 March 2012
- Saturday, 3 March 2012

Please note that Kensington Palace will be closed from 4 January 2012 until 25 March 2012 inclusive in order for us to finish the final transformation. Volunteers will be invited to help during the preview period from 15 March as we prepare for the reopening of the Palace on Monday, 26 March.

For more information about learning at Kensington please go to www.hrp.org.uk/learning or follow our learning blog <http://learningblog.hrp.org.uk/>