

Family Activity Volunteer

**Role description**

The Horniman Museum and Gardens has nationally and internationally important anthropology, musical instrument and natural history collections and displays, an aquarium, a butterfly house, an art studio space and hosts temporary exhibitions. It is surrounded by 16 acres of beautiful gardens.

**Main purpose of role**

The Horniman welcomes a wide range of people to the museum each year including many young families. Family Activity volunteers help with the delivery of our weekly Saturday drop-in craft activities inspired by the Museum’s collections, themes and values. The activities enable families to have a more creative and playful experience at the Museum. All necessary training is given – no prior experience is needed, however an interest and understanding in engaging with families would be appreciated.

Tasks include:

* Setting up the room prior to the beginning of the session
* Providing a warm and friendly welcome
* Explaining the activities provided and handing out materials
* Providing help to some families, if needed
* Ensuring a positive family experience and encouraging all to take part
* Restocking materials and cleaning where necessary
* Ensuring the safety of children and making sure parents are present at all times
* Tidying up and putting materials away at the end of the session

**Level of commitment**

This is a regular, ongoing role volunteering on a Saturday afternoon.

**This role would suit someone who:**

* Has an interest in engaging with children and families
* Has good communication skills, and can adapt their language based on the audience age, needs and interests
* Understands good customer service and is willing to be helpful
* Has an interest in the Horniman Museum’s collections

**Minimum age requirement:**

This role is open to all applicant 15 and over

**The museum offers volunteers:**

* Opportunities for personal development in a supportive learning environment
* Reimbursement of travel expenses within Greater London
* Special events for volunteers including behind-the-scenes talks and socials
* A 20% discount at the café and the shop
* Free entry to paid areas of the museum

**To apply**

Please ask for an application form and send it to [volunteering@horniman.ac.uk](mailto:volunteering@horniman.ac.uk)

This role is selective, and we will hold informal interviews*.*

NB. Please mark ‘Family Activity Volunteer’ in the subject line of your email.

**Closing date for applications**: Sunday 4th June