

All about Takeover Day: Partner Overview

For partners and schools

Are you interested in working with museums, galleries, historic homes, archives or heritage sites and don't know where to start? Takeover Day can be a great way to do this for the first time.

What is Takeover Day?

Takeover Day is when heritage and cultural sites invite children and young people to take over jobs normally done by adults. Over 5,000 people, from toddlers to 25 year olds, now take part each year.

Over the years, young people have:

- taken over museum jobs and become tour guides, curators, shop assistants, cleaners, welcome hosts, receptionists, press officers and even conservators
- co-curated exhibitions and events, including late night gigs, sleepovers or performances
- delivered learning sessions for other groups of children
- created merchandise for the shop
- given their perspective and feedback on museum websites, events and interpretation
- taken over museum social media channels.

Why do participants gain from Takeover Day?

For children and young people, Takeover Day is a unique chance to learn outside the classroom and discover what it's like to work behind-the-scenes at a museum. We know that it helps to boost young people's confidence, provides opportunities to learn new skills and gives them a sense of ownership over their local museum and heritage.

Takeover Day can give the young people you work with the chance to:

- gain an Arts Award qualification
- cover a range of curriculum areas
- develop enterprise skills
- earn scout, guide and other uniformed group badges
- take on work placements.

Here's what partners say...

"An experience that we can't give within the classroom."

"It's about giving children real life experiences and they love it."

"Confidence, new skills and a positive change in mindset about what museum work involves. I think a lot of the children were surprised that a small museum such as Stories of Lynn has so many different job roles. It has also enabled the children to form an even closer bond with the museum, which will be great for future work together."

When is Takeover Day?

- Friday 28 June 2019
- Friday 22 November 2019

We suggest that you try and get involved on these dates to get the most from being part of a national event, but you can hold a Takeover Day at any time that works for your organisation.

What next?

Get in touch and we can match you up with a local heritage site: takeoverday@kidsinmuseums.org.uk