



Role Description

Kids in Museums Youth Panel Member

Kids in Museums wants to recruit up to 15 young people aged 18-25 to join its first ever Youth Panel. Youth Panel members will help Kids in Museums shape future projects and feed into Trustee meetings via our two Young Trustees (also aged 18-25) as well as having opportunities to participate in Kids in Museums projects such as Takeover Day. This is an opportunity to give young people a voice in an organisation that is committed to making museums and heritage sites better for all children, young people and their families.

Overview

Time Commitment: a few hours to prepare for and attend meetings every 4-6 weeks (you can attend meetings virtually), additional time to be involved for project delivery (August and November).

Role Duration: you can be a Youth Panel member for up to two years.

Salary: none, this is a voluntary role, expenses are available to cover travel, accommodation and subsistence costs for participating in projects.

Key relationships: Kids in Museums Young Trustees, staff including the Head of Programmes, Content and Communications Manager and Executive Director.

Location: we want to recruit members from across the UK, we anticipate there will be two or three meetings per year in London (travel, accommodation and subsistence expense are available), the remaining meetings will be online.

About Kids in Museums

We are a charity dedicated to making museums open and welcoming to all children, young people and families. We support and champion family friendly organisations through wide-ranging initiatives, including the Family Friendly Museum Award and Takeover Day. We invite heritage organisations to sign up to our Manifesto, which sets out simple guidelines for making museums easy to reach for all ages.

To find out more: www.kidsinmuseums.org.uk

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The Role

As an organisation that champions and represents the voices and needs of young people and families, it is important to us that these views are heard at all levels of the organisation. In October 2018 we appointed our first two Young Trustees (aged 18-25) who sit on our Board and contribute to the organisation's governance and strategy. We now want to set up a Youth Panel to support our Young Trustees and bring more young people's voices into our organisation, enabling them to help shape all aspects of our work.



We know that young people, in particular teenagers and those in their twenties are less likely to visit museums than those over 45. Kids in Museums *Hurdles to Participation* research tells us that there are a variety of reasons why young people don't visit museums and a lot of young people feel museums aren't for them.

Kids in Museums wants to help museums all over the UK become more welcoming to young people and overcome the barriers that young people feel to visiting. The best way we can do that is by bringing young people's voices into our organisation and use their ideas to shape the change we want to see in museums. Our new Youth Panel will be key to this process, working alongside our staff and Young Trustees.

Young Panel members will have the opportunity to work with Kids in Museums staff as they develop new and existing projects. They will be able to take part in initiatives such as Teen Digital Takeover and Takeover Day, giving them a platform to share their views about museums and heritage with a wider audience. They will be able to feed back to our Trustees about our future plans and develop their own projects that support Kids in Museums.

Takeover Day is when museums, galleries, historic homes, archives and heritage sites invite young people in to take over jobs normally done by adults. <https://kidsinmuseums.org.uk/what-we-do/takeover-day/>

Teen Digital Takeover is when young people take over museums' and heritage site's digital channels for the day. Young people's #TakeoverDay tweets have reached hundreds of thousands of people and the hashtag even trended on Twitter. <https://kidsinmuseums.org.uk/what-we-do/teen-digital-takeover/>

The ideal Youth Panel member will love museums and heritage and will be enthusiastic about wanting more young people from all backgrounds to get involved. They will be keen to promote young people's voices and committed to considering a broad range of views. They will be reliable and able to commit time each month to Kids in Museums.

Support for Youth Panel Members

As a member of the Kids in Museums Youth Panel you may need to learn new skills to be involved with projects. These could include social media marketing, planning events for different audiences, budgeting or working with arts and heritage professionals. The Kids in Museums staff team will support you as you take on these skills and ensure you are able to be confident in all the projects that you work on. The skills you learn will be things that you can include on a future CV.

Youth Panel members will have all expenses met for participation in Kids in Museums projects. Finances should not be a barrier to becoming a member of our Youth Panel.



Person specification

We are looking for someone who meets the following criteria:

- Aged 18-25
- Passionate about heritage and culture and keen to learn more
- Committed to enabling young people to participate more fully in culture and heritage
- Enthusiasm to learn new skills and have new experiences
- Digitally literate
- Confident about working in a group
- Reliable and able to commit time to Kids in Museums each month either online or in person

All successful candidates will have to prove they meet the age requirements and for certain projects may be required to undergo a DBS check. If you are unsure about what this entails, please drop us a line.

How to apply

If you want to have an informal chat about the role or how to apply, please contact Alison Bowyer Executive Director on alison@kidsinmuseums.org.uk or 020 3096 7707.

Please send a written statement (no more than 750 words) or short film (no more than 2 minutes) telling us about why you love museums and one thing you would do to improve museums for young people.

The statement or film should be sent to alison@kidsinmuseums.org.uk with the subject line Youth Panel application.

Please also include your full name, date of birth and contact details in the email.

If you would like to submit the application in an alternative format or require additional support to make the application, please let us know.

We will review the applications as they arrive and arrange informal meetings either in person or by phone or Skype for the candidates we feel best meet our criteria. If you would require any adjustments to be made to enable you to either attend a meeting or do a phone or Skype interview, please let us know in your application.

The closing date for us to receive applications is Friday 14 June 2019 at 5pm.