

Family Volunteer

Reports to: Volunteer Programme Manager / Family Programme Coordinator

Role purpose

- Support the production of events designed for families from the planning to the delivery and to engage directly with staff, freelance artists and families visiting the Whitworth
- Assist with the running of family activities, ranging from big one-off events to smaller-scale regular practical workshops, providing a warm welcome for family visitors of all ages
- Assist artists and creative practitioners in the facilitation of practical workshops designed for families
- Encourage families to participate in activities and enhance their experience as visitors
- Opportunities to photograph sessions and collect feedback from families, assisting with the evaluation of workshops and events
- Opportunities to blog and update our social media networks, to encourage families to visit the gallery

Opportunities:

- Develop knowledge around key collections and events at the galleries
- Training opportunities with our Family Programme Coordinator and freelance artists to develop an understanding of the production and delivery of events and workshops for families
- Blogging skills and social media techniques, an awareness of the gallery and wide range of programming
- Developing workshop delivery skills, working with diverse family audiences and in a range of art forms with experienced artists and creative practitioners
- Becoming part of the Whitworth family; seeing the gallery from the inside, receiving invitations to private views and special events

What we would love you to bring to the role:

- An interest and passion in the gallery and desire to share this with others
- Active engagement with our collection, events and all our visitors
- An interest in working with family audiences, including young children
- Enjoy meeting and chatting with family audiences, helping them get the most out of their visit
- This is a flexible ad-hoc role where you can sign up to a number of different events and workshops from across our programme. These will be mainly weekends and school holidays.
- 6 months minimum involvement

Please email fiona.cariss@manchester.ac.uk for any further questions and to request an application form