

The Ragged School Museum – Education Volunteer



General Background

The Ragged School Museum is an independent museum housed in canal side warehouses built in the year 1872. It once housed London's largest Ragged School, set up by philanthropist Dr Thomas Barnardo. The museum today operates a lively education programme, which aims to educate visitors on the experience of the poor children who once attended this school. During term time, visiting school groups experience a Victorian Lesson with a qualified actor, and partake in an object handling session in our Victorian Kitchen.

The Role

We require regular volunteers to assist on our Education Programme for a minimum of one morning per week. The morning Schools Programme runs on Monday-Friday from 10:00-13:15. As an Education Volunteer you will:

- Assist the Learning Officers in the day to day running of the programme
- Deliver object handling sessions to Key Stage 2 groups
- Deliver storytelling sessions to Key Stage 1 groups
- Have an opportunity to work on education projects which work towards expanding the museum's offer for families and schools

In return you will:

- Be given an induction and introductory tour of the museum
- Receive full training in object handling and session delivery
- Gain experience in delivering educational programmes to schools
- Gain experience in a heritage/museum environment
- Gain an understanding of the behind-the-scenes workings of a museum
- Be given the opportunity to contribute to the development of the museum through a variety of projects

Desirable qualities and experience

- **An interest in heritage/museums**
- **An interest in working with children and school groups**

- **Good spoken and written English**
- **An ability to communicate with audiences**
- **A willingness to attend training and learn more about the Victorian Era**
- **An ability to volunteer on one day per week**
- **Friendly, engaging and reliable**

Application

For more information about this role, or to apply, please email our Learning Officer, Jennie at jennie@raggedschoolmuseum.org.uk. You can telephone the museum on 0208 980 6405. Please include with your application a short statement explaining why you would like to volunteer on the Education Programme and any relevant experience you may have.