Volunteer Role Description: Family Volunteer

About the Role
We are looking for a volunteer to help on giving Family Tours and craft sessions for the Family Learning Team. We currently have three tours that we offer families: Egypt, Greece and Rome. Volunteers would lead these tours and lead a related craft in the Atrium. The tours are designed to be interactive with a story and gallery hunt or game and have become increasingly popular.

- Training will be provided and no previous experience or knowledge is required;
- The role will be supervised by the Family Programmes Creative Producer.
- This role requires commitment to learning content and museum spaces, objects and practices over time, but is very flexible.
- The tasks outlined below are examples of the range of activities you could be involved in as Family Volunteer. The role may change over time but we will continue to seek your input and feedback.

Timing and commitment
Weekend tours and crafts take place from 10-1PM on Weekends as well as during school holidays. Emails are sent on a monthly basis requesting sign-ups for sessions. It is expected that volunteers commit to one session a month.

Outline of Tasks
At the moment we need help to lead the following family tours:

*Life and Death in Ancient Egypt* - Story (In Egyptian Times or Mummy Cat) and Replica Handling (Anks and Scarabs), Gallery Hunt, Myth of Osiris, Craft (popsicle stick hieroglyph puzzle or Meresamun’s Castanets)

*Meet the Romans* - Story (The Roman Slave) and Replica Handling (Tesserae and Roman Seals), Gallery Hunt, Myth of Brittania (the Roman Goddess of Britain), Craft (Create a Seal or Create a goblet)

*The Myth and Reality of Ancient Greece* – Story (Myth of Hercules) and Replica Handling (coins and pots), Gallery Hunt, Myth of Nike, Craft (Greek Victory Wreath or Design a Nike Coin).

We will be introducing a new Modern Art Tour in the Autumn as well.

We also need our volunteers to lead craft session in the Atrium Family Corner. The crafts are related to the three tours above.

Volunteers will help by
- Leading family tours of Greece, Rome and Egypt
- Supporting families during craft making in the Atrium family corner
- Assist the Family Programmes Creative Producer to evaluate, revise and create new family tours.
We are looking for volunteers who:
· Are enthusiastic about museum learning and access and will enjoy contributing to the work of the Ashmolean Learning teams;
· Are proactive and able to use initiative;
· Have a careful eye for detail and excel at interacting with a family audience.
· Want to learn more about the Ashmolean’s collections

Why you might enjoy this role:
The opportunity to:
· spend time with families and help to ensure that family visitors have a fantastic experience at the Ashmolean;
· develop and practise your communication skills with this audience.
· support the museum’s public engagement and accessibility remit;
· join a friendly, enthusiastic, and supportive team;
· gain experience of museum learning resources and access

Other information:
· This role is open to volunteers aged 18+;
· This role is not regulated activity and therefore does not require an additional safeguarding (DBS) check;
· We are happy to reimburse travel expenses up to a maximum of £5 per session upon receipt of travel tickets and a claim form.

How to get involved:
To apply, please email volunteering@glam.ox.ac.uk, explaining why you would like to get involved in no more than 200 words. Please also give an indication of your general availability over the coming months (particularly if you know of general days you are not available, or dates that you will be away). Your application will be passed on to the Ashmolean Learning Officer, who will then get in touch to arrange a chat. They expect to hold informal interviews on a rolling basis until the vacancies are filled. If successful, the role will require a training day.

Deadline for applications is noon on Monday 23rd October 2023.