

# Volunteering Opportunity – The Youth Collective – Leeds Art Gallery

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## What is the Youth Collective?

This is an established group of young people aged 14-24 based at Leeds Art Gallery, supported by our Youth Engagement Officer.

The Youth Collective members meet on the first Saturday of every month and during Covid lockdown have met more regularly online.

We participate in activities which respond to our collections and exhibitions.

Provide you with the opportunity to develop your knowledge and skills by participating in the Art Award.

You will have the opportunity to contribute to life at the gallery by getting involved with a variety of projects including producing work for our Leeds Art Gallery Facebook, Instagram and Twitter platforms.

We work in partnership with other arts and museum organisations.

Due to the current Covid government restrictions, we are not able to meet at Leeds Art Gallery and are meeting online. However, we are continuing to produce exciting workshops and work in partnership with artists and meeting up in person, when it is safe to do so.

## What's in it for you?

Go behind the scenes at an internationally recognised art gallery, explore our art and sculpture collections and learn about careers in the arts sector.

Socialise and participate in group events and workshops.

Gain valuable experience for your UCAS personal statement and/or job applications.

Build your confidence and communication skills.

Visit other art gallery sites and organisations.

Gain experience delivering teen tours and workshops.

Interact with a varied range of groups and visitors.

Join the VIP list for exhibitions and events.

Work on activities supporting our current exhibitions.

Fun and informal opportunity to be creative in a gallery setting.

The opportunity to progress to other gallery projects.

## What's involved?

Assisting the Youth Engagement Officer with events and workshops.  
Researching our art and sculpture collections.  
Collaborating with arts professionals.  
Assisting with gallery preparation and display installation.  
Developing creative ideas for our events and workshops.

This volunteer role will suit you if you are: Aged between 14 and 24. Enthusiastic, reliable and willing to commit to volunteering for five hours once a month, with additional hours if required. Interested in art, design, history, sculpture and social media. Enjoy learning as part of a team. Would like to gain knowledge and practical gallery experience.

You should be willing to abide by the Council's code of conduct, which will be explained to you by the Youth Engagement Officer. No qualifications or experience is required as training will be given.

We welcome applications from all sections of the community.

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults. If you are 18-24 you may be required to undertake a DBS check.

**Location:** Leeds Art Gallery

**Time commitment:** Varied due to Covid Restrictions

**Day:** The first Saturday of every month

**Duration:** ongoing

**Expenses:** Out of pocket travel costs between home and place of volunteering will be paid up to the value of £6.00 per day, subject to terms and conditions.

**Further info:** For further information or for a consent form contact Angela Thompson on [youth.curator@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:youth.curator@leeds.gov.uk)

If you are under 18: A parental consent form must be signed by a parent or guardian, and returned to Angela Thompson before an application form can be filled in. Please contact Angela Thompson on [youth.curator@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:youth.curator@leeds.gov.uk)

If you are 18 or over: Please complete the application form from our website <http://www.leeds.gov.uk/volunteer> or contact Karen Mackie, Volunteer Coordinator, on 07891271365, email [volunteer@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:volunteer@leeds.gov.uk) to request an application form.



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