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Welcome!

The West London Volunteer Fair is a chance to chat directly to representatives from local cultural organisations and charities about opportunities near you. In this pack you will find info about each organisation, some of their volunteer opportunities and a space to take down notes.

Have you got questions about an organisation or role? Just ask! We'd love to speak to you!

On each page you will find:

- The organisation name, location, and table number at the Fair
- Social media handles for each organisation
- Highlighted volunteering roles

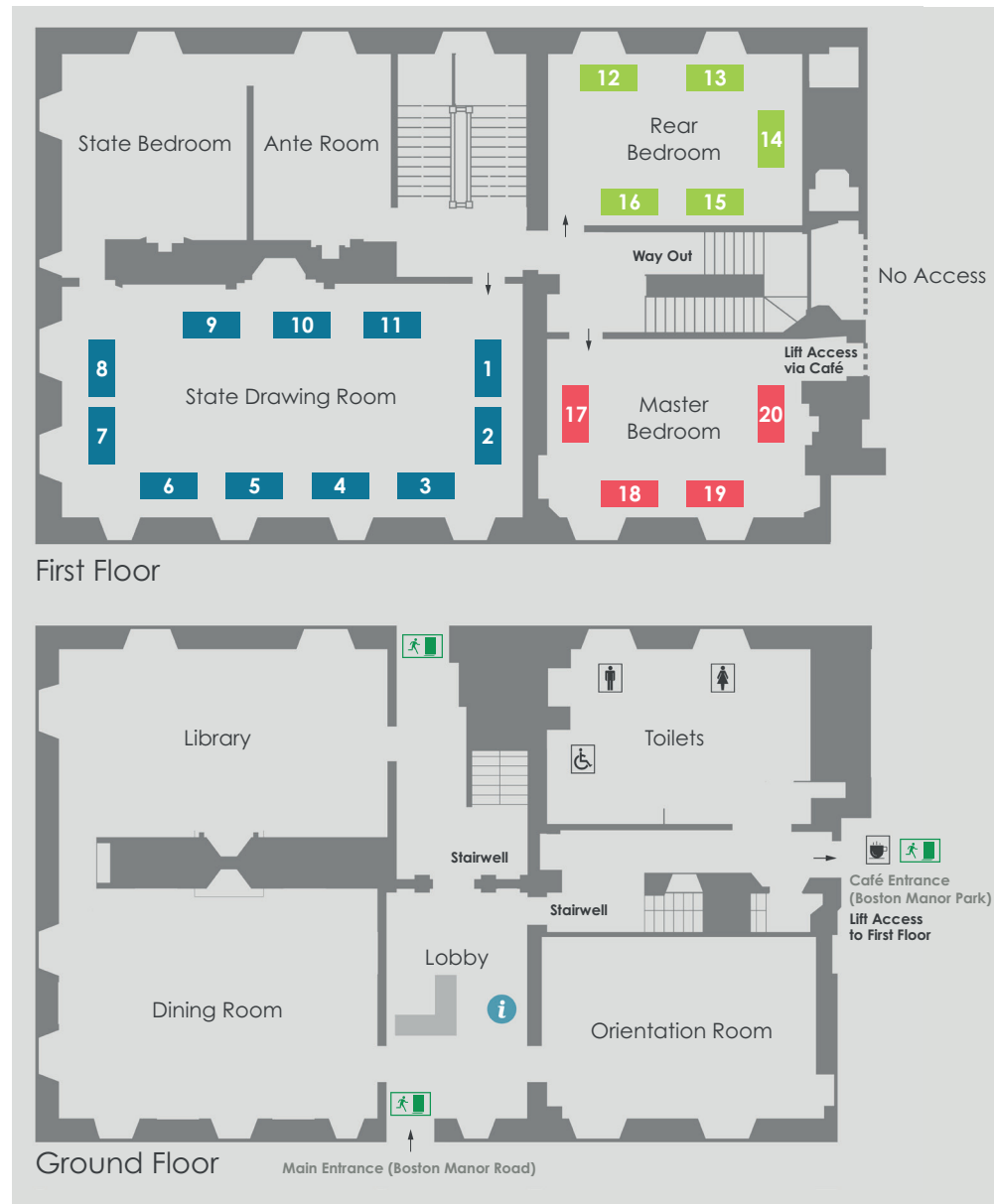
We are also running drop-in bite-size sessions at 11am and 12pm, where you can discover how diverse and fun volunteer roles are! Join us at Meeting Room 2 on the second floor to hear more from a Live Interpretation volunteer. A member of staff can point you out in the right direction.

Share on social media using the hashtag [#WLVFAIR](#), and feel free to tag your location at [Boston Manor House](#).

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Arts Centre Hounslow

Hounslow



The Hounslow Arts Centre is a vibrant and dynamic cultural hub. Established in 2015 as a humble theatre, they now cater to the diverse needs of the local community and cultural enthusiasts.

Our volunteering program invites community members aged 16+ to actively support culture and performing arts across Hounslow. Whether you're passionate about the stage, have an interest in technical and backstage elements, or love hospitality, there's a role for you!

Theatre usher – you'll ensure visitors have a memorable experience.

Technical and backstage support – you'll be embracing in making sure our theatre productions run smoothly.

Hospitality – support our bar and café, creating a welcoming atmosphere!

Embrace the excitement of volunteering and become part of our vibrant cultural hub!

Table 1



@theartscentrehounslow



The Arts Centre,
Hounslow

Fulham Palace

Fulham



Historic summer palace of the Bishops of London from 704AD. Today, we are a unique historic house set in 13 acres of botanical gardens on the River Thames next to Putney Bridge Station. Volunteers are vital in everything we do.

Market Barrow Volunteers – these volunteers work on the outside barrow, selling Fulham Palace's organically grown plants and produce to the visiting public in the beautiful walled garden. The role includes harvesting, preparing, displaying, selling and taking payment for our home-grown vegetables, fruit, cut flowers and preserves.

Front of House Volunteer – the front of house team delivers excellent customer service to our visitors. The volunteers in the museum and historic rooms bring our spaces to life, including through object handling; they provide a warm welcome and share knowledge of Fulham Palace and its history to all visitors.



@fulhampalace



@fulhampalacetrust

Table 2

Ham House and Garden

Ham



A National Trust property, Ham House & Garden is internationally recognised for its superb collection of paintings, furniture and textiles. Following work that reinstated the lost 17th century character, the garden re-creates what might have been.

Room Guide Coordinator – If only these walls could talk! That's why this role makes such a difference. Be part of a great team and learn more about our unique history whilst gaining experience in team leadership and people management skills.

Events Volunteer – Do you like an active and involved role? This role makes some of the best things happen at Ham House & Garden. By getting involved you could join an enthusiastic team providing family activities and programming for our visitors whilst gaining experience in the management and delivery of events.

Table 3



@hamhousent



@HamHouseNT

London Museum of Water and Steam

Brentford



Based in the historic buildings of the former Kew Bridge Waterworks, the Museum tells the story of London's Water supply, the site, its people and the amazing pumping engines that helped to make London the great city it is today.

Visitor Welcome Assistant – help welcome visitors to the Museum. Your friendly face will be one of the first and last that visitors see as you greet them, answer questions and ensure that they have the information that they need to help them make the most of their visit.



@londonmuseumofwaterandsteam



@waterandsteam

Table 4

The Musical Museum

Brentford



Our collection of working instruments, displays and interactive exhibits tells the story of how music has been recorded and reproduced to the present day. We house one of the world's largest collection of historic music rolls.

Over the past 50 years, The Musical Museum has been run almost entirely by volunteers and we need them now more than ever. We welcome everyone from all backgrounds and levels of expertise, and have opportunities to suit – from instrument restoration, to reception, audio-visual, tour guides, marketing and more.

We are specifically looking for tour guides, reception volunteers and people with technical skills who can help with filming, vision mixing, sound and lighting.

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@MusicalMuseum



The Musical Museum

Protégé

Brentford



Protégé aims to advance the education, attainment, social and personal development of educationally marginalised young people and recently arrived migrants and refugees facing barriers to learning and progression.

Young people who are referred to Protégé often describe their lives as being 'out of control'. We work closely with them to create bespoke pathways and employability. As artists and creatives, we work intensively to support them to regain a sense of purpose through tailored education and skills development. As part of our creative work we also manage the Great West Gallery, which showcases award-winning artists alongside emerging ones. Leveraging the prestige of established art school graduates, we champion undiscovered artists whose lived experience and unique perspectives provide a compelling narrative on the issues of today.

We are just embarking on our volunteering journey, and would love to hear from you about how you would like to get involved!



@greatwestgallery



Protégé Gallery

Table 6

Twickenham Museum

Twickenham



We are the history centre for Twickenham, Teddington, Whitton and the Hamptons. We occupy an early Georgian house (c. 1720) originally owned by the Twining tea merchant family.

It has been home to families of Watermen and others, and in 1994 to journalist Jack Ellis who campaigned for the conservation of Old Twickenham. He left his home at 25 The Embankment as part of his estate to the Twickenham Museum charity. Volunteer-led, the museum protects and displays local artefacts from the Ice Age onwards. Free entrance.

We seek volunteers to join our team of dedicated staff to welcome the public to this lovely museum and aid them with enquiries. No previous knowledge or experience required, just a love of interacting with visitors and an interest in history and the local area. Full training given. Shifts are for two hours between our opening times Friday and Saturday 11-3pm and Sunday 2-4pm.

Table 7



@twickenhammuseum1720



The Twickenham Museum

Gunnersbury Park & Museum

Gunnersbury



An interactive museum, with an exciting public programme and the former home of the Rothschild family. The historic house and park have been transformed into an exciting place to visit and volunteer. Volunteers are crucial to the visitor experience.

Museum Steward Volunteers – this role is vital to ensuring that our visitors enjoy the Museum and its collections by adding a personal and relatable presence to every visit. Volunteers can also be trained to lead visitor tours and engage in object handling.

Community Programme Volunteers – volunteers are vital to ensuring that there is an exciting and innovative range of activities on offer and that they all run smoothly. These volunteers are creative, enthusiastic and personable. We are especially keen to engage individuals comfortable supporting our range of family activities.



@GunnersburyParkMuseum



Gunnersbury Park & Museum

Table 8

Hounslow Wellbeing Network

Hounslow



We connect people, organisations, and services to create a supportive environment where individuals can embark on journeys of personal recovery and combat challenges such as social isolation, loneliness, depression, and anxiety.

The Hounslow Wellbeing Network is a vibrant community dedicated to enhancing mental and physical wellbeing for all. Co-produced and co-designed by Hounslow residents, our network comprises local people, friends, families, carers, and professionals living and working in the borough. We are committed to reducing stigma around mental illness and improving the health and well-being of our local residents.

Network Volunteers – we host regular activities including Art Sessions, Crochet and Chat, Coffee and Chat and more. We are seeking to recruit volunteers to help us to deliver efficient and highly productive sessions for Hounslow residents. Our network comprises of local people, friends, families, carers, and professionals living and working in the borough.

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 @wellbeinghounslow

 Hounslow Wellbeing Network

London Transport Museum (Acton Depot)

Acton



The Museum Depot explores the story of London and its transport system over the last 200 years, highlighting the link between transport and the growth of modern London, culture and society since 1800.

Event steward volunteers – support us in delivering our popular Depot Open Days events to the public at our Museum Depot. Get a unique look at the depot, where you will be working with the public, staff and volunteers to deliver professional and friendly customer service.

Rationalisation volunteers – work with the Curatorial team to widen the accessibility of a specified area of the stored collections at the Museum Depot. From signals to vehicle parts, this is an exciting opportunity which marks the beginning of a 10-year vision for the Depot.

We care for over 450,000 items and the Museum Depot in Acton is our working museum store – a treasure trove of over 320,000 objects.

 @ltmuseum

 London Transport Museum

Table 10

Marble Hill House

Twickenham



Built for Henrietta Howard, Countess of Suffolk, a remarkable woman of letters and friend of some of England's greatest writers, there can be few places in England that better evoke the atmosphere of Georgian fashionable life.

Explainer Volunteer – this role is all about people helping make the most out of their visit while based in the beautiful rooms at Marble Hill. During your shift you will provide a warm and friendly welcome for all visitors and actively engage with visitors in answering their questions, telling stories about the house and enabling opportunities for interaction to explain the new interpretation.

Event Volunteer – we host several events during the year, and we are looking for volunteers to help us organise and deliver activities to ensure that all our visitors to these events have a high quality and enjoyable day. There will be opportunities to support different activities depending on your availability.

Table 11



@Marblehillrevived



@EHMarblehill

Orleans House Gallery

Twickenham



Home to the Richmond Borough Art Collection, the Gallery promotes arts and culture through a programme of contemporary art exhibitions, festivals, events and activities for everyone in the community. We foster creativity and enjoyment of the arts.

Front of House Volunteer – join our Front of House team as the first point of contact for visitors to the Gallery, ensuring an excellent visitor experience.

Super[market]forest Volunteer – get involved with our latest exhibition as part of the project team on this immersive installation, challenging our perception of food and where it comes from.

Arts Activity Volunteer – can you support our creative practical workshops with children, families, young people and school groups?



@OrleansHouseGallery

Table 12

The Questors Theatre

Ealing



The Questors is one of the largest community theatres in Europe, with a membership of around 1000, of whom around 600 are actively involved in productions.

Situated in Ealing, West London, we offer our members a wide range of activities and social events, in addition to a season of around twenty shows a year, a variety of courses and workshops, and a regular programme of visiting companies. We also have a very lively social club in The Grapevine Bar.

Members can volunteer in all aspects of our productions, as well as participate in the running of events, marketing, front-of-house, and other activities.

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 @questors_theatre

 The Questors Theatre

Volunteering Matters

UK-Wide



Everyone in the UK should have the opportunity to thrive. We bring people together to overcome some of society's most complex issues through the power of volunteering. We build stronger communities and a better future for all.

Befriending & Mentoring

Hounslow Allies and Grandmentors volunteer – befriend and mentor children in care, be a trusted adult in their lives, a role model and supporter as children and young people journey through care and prepare for leaving care.

 @volunteering_uk

 @volunteeringmatters

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Ealing and Hounslow Community Volunteering Service (EHCVS)

Ealing & Hounslow



Ealing and Hounslow Community Voluntary Service (EHCVS) is a registered local charity that has been supporting voluntary and community sector (VCS) groups in Ealing for over 30 years and Hounslow groups since 2012.

The Ealing and Hounslow Councils commission EHCVS to run the Ealing and Hounslow Volunteer Centres. We provide support to residents wanting to start their volunteering journeys through our brokerage service, volunteer-specific training sessions, updates about current volunteering roles via our monthly Newsletters, invitations to Volunteer networking events, access to rewards, and specialist advice on all things volunteering.

To find out how you can register on our database, or for more information please follow this link <https://ehcvs.org.uk/interestedinvolunteering/>.

Table 15



@ehcvs



Ealing and Hounslow Volunteer Centre

Habitats & Heritage

Twickenham



Habitats & Heritage take care of our local landscape, wildlife, ecosystems and heritage. We want to see our natural environments thrive, whilst protecting and enhancing south and west London's historic environment.

Volunteers are pivotal to our work, without them we couldn't preserve our green spaces, protect our built heritage and engage communities across south and west London.

Events Volunteers – updating our contact lists and helping to prepare mailings, delivering leaflets and other information about events and our organisation, supporting on events days such as our annual Plant Sale.

Green Hub Volunteer Rangers – we are looking for help supporting communities to maintain their Green Hub. This includes light gardening jobs such as weeding, pruning and planting; supporting community groups to make the most out of their Hubs.

Research Volunteer, Richmond Old Burial Ground – you will be researching the intriguing lives of those laid to rest at Richmond Old Burial Ground.



@habsandheritage



Habitats & Heritage

Table 16

Kempton Steam Museum

Hanworth



A unique example of the ultimate in steam engineering, pumping drinking water to London. The world's largest working triple expansion engine in a magnificent building.

Visitor Support Volunteers – we need people to ensure that our visitors have a safe and enjoyable visit, ranging from greeting them in the entrance foyer and managing the ticketing, providing information and answering questions and delivering guided tours.

Refreshments Volunteers – the museum has a small refreshments area and we have opportunities to serve our visitors with light refreshments, collect items no longer needed and generally keep the area clean and tidy.

Maintenance and preservation of our electrical systems – people with experience of working on electrical systems and equipment or willing to learn these skills to ensure that both our heritage and modern electrical installations are maintained and preserved for both operational and display purposes.

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 @kemptonsteammuseum

 The Kempton Steam Museum

Boston Manor House

Brentford



Boston Manor House is a Grade I listed Jacobean House built for Lady Mary Reade in 1623, and later owned by the Clitherow family from the 1670s until the 1920s. We are set back from Boston Manor Road in Brentford, in the beautiful Boston Manor Park.

As part of a £6M investment, the House reopened in summer 2023 after a 5-year restoration. We are looking for a variety of volunteers to support our Heritage Fund programme, with a focus on:

Walks Leader volunteers – you will lead a range of walks around the House, Park and area's green spaces, supporting good physical and mental health for our communities.

Events volunteers – you will help us deliver our exciting public programme, including talks, Lates, workshops and performances.

Learning & Engagement volunteers – you will support our schools, children and families programme, ensuring groups enjoy their time at the House.

 @bostonmanorhouse

 Boston Manor House

Table 18

Pitzhanger Manor

Ealing



Country retreat of Sir John Soane, one of the most influential architects in British history. From 1800 to 1804, Soane designed and built it as his dream home within a beautiful Regency landscape, now the picturesque Walpole Park.

Visitor Experience Volunteer – our fantastic team of Visitor Experience Volunteers help bring to life the stories of John Soane and Pitzhanger Manor, as well as our exciting series of contemporary art exhibitions.

They're also looking for Garden, Tour Guide and Learning Volunteers. Whether you're interested in learning new skills, giving something back or just making new friends and being a part of a team, why not get in touch?

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@pitzhanger



The Pitzhanger Manor & Gallery

Turner's House

Twickenham



Turner's House offers a unique insight into the life of Britain's greatest landscape painter JMW Turner. Turner designed and lived in this charming house which is supported by a committed, sociable and friendly team of volunteers.

Volunteer Guide – make the history come alive! Our guides make the House come alive by sharing its story with our visitors and with our local community.

Learning Volunteer – inspire the next generation! Our learning team provide exciting and engaging workshops for both primary and secondary school pupils as well as weekend holiday workshops for families.

Marketing Volunteer – share your enthusiasm! Our marketing team support and deliver our social media strategy and help us share news, events, and information with the community.



@turners_house



@turnerintwickenham

Table 20

Partners

