

Evaluation Volunteer – Out of Context Exhibition

**Role description**

The Horniman Museum and Gardens has been open since 1901 when the tea trader and philanthropist, Frederick Horniman, first opened his house and extraordinary collection of objects to the local community. Since then, the Museum has grown significantly and includes internationally important collections of Anthropology and musical instruments, as well as an Aquarium, a Butterfly House and Natural History Gallery – all surrounded by 16 acres of beautiful Gardens.

**Main purpose**

The volunteer will be joining the Anthropology department and Formal Learning department to help evaluate the ‘Out of Context’ Exhibition. ‘Out of Context’ is a temporary exhibition that uses photography, illustration and AI to explore West African cultural traditions and interrogate western museum practices. It is based in the South Hall Balcony of the World Gallery and is visited by a number of school groups. We would like to capture the experiences of children, young people and schools groups who visit the exhibition, as well as the general public.

‘Out of Context’ was funded as part of the Benin Kingdom Redisplay project, where a new case celebrating the Great Kingdom of Benin was opened in December 2024.

**Tasks include:**

* Researching evaluation frameworks used by Formal Learning, Anthropology, Social Practice and Marketing
* Shadowing Benin Kingdom school sessions at the museum
* Observing visitor engagement with ‘Out of Context’
* Creating an evaluation framework
* Writing an evaluation report

**Level of commitment and any conditions**

This is a fixed term volunteer placement of **one day a week for two months, from February to April** (exact dates to be agreed with the volunteer).

Volunteering days should be Wednesdays or Thursdays.

Due to the nature of tasks required and level of supervision available**, this role is only open to those aged 18 or over**. It is also subject to a basic DBS check.

**This role would suit someone who:**

* Has good attention to detail
* Is interested in research
* Has excellent written communication skills
* Is interested in curating and/or education in museums
* Is comfortable interacting with children, young people, teachers and the general public

**The museum offers volunteers:**

* A supportive, learning environment and the opportunity to gain valuable experience
* Reimbursement of travel expenses within Greater London; lunch expenses are available if volunteering a full day
* Free entry to paid areas of the Horniman museum

**To apply**

Please complete the online application form or ask for an application form by emailing: [volunteering@horniman.ac.uk](mailto:volunteering@horniman.ac.uk)

**Closing date for applications**: Sunday 9th February 10pm

We will hold informal interviews online or at Forest Hill on Thursday 13th February with an anticipated start date of **19/20 February 2025.**

Role approved by Volunteering Manager January 2025