



Exhibition Guide

Black Cultural Archives is a national institution dedicated to collecting, preserving and celebrating the histories of diverse people of African and Caribbean descent in Britain. Using our unique collection, we will promote the teaching, learning and understanding of the African peoples' contribution, which will enable the public to learn and connect with hidden histories, creating an experience to uplift and inspire.

Black Cultural Archives requires volunteers to monitor and assist visitors in the gallery space within the Heritage Centre.

Tasks

- Provide formal exhibition presentations for primary and school groups
- Provide information via informal discussion with Heritage Centre visitors
- Monitor visitor flow through exhibition space
- Monitor safety of visitors and objects on display
- Research and write interpretive materials for visitors to the exhibition; teachers packs, visitor guides, trails, exhibition worksheets

Skills and Criteria:

- Ability to engage with a diverse group of people i.e. children, families, adults
- Ability to memorise, explain, and convey detailed information about objects on display
- Willingness to constructively engage with challenging topics, such as race, racism, identity, and cultural politics, as they relate to objects on display
- Ability to conduct independent research online and using the BCA collection
- Ability to function as a representative of BCA, particularly in relation to BCA's stated position on challenging topics
- Knowledge of/interest in Black British history is desirable

In return for contributing time, effort, and skills as an Exhibitions Associate, volunteers will receive the following:

Support:

- Training and induction
- Supervision and guidance from BCA staff, including quarterly progress meetings
- Volunteer meetings

Benefits

- Specialised training in researching and developing exhibition content
- Opportunities to work with archive professionals, school groups, and general visitors
- Develop public speaking skills
- Learn new skills and increase abilities
- Reimbursement of approved expenses

Black Cultural Archives is a welcoming space for everyone to learn, explore and become inspired by Black British heritage and history.