

# Volunteering Opportunity – Sunflower Project supporting International Refugee Week

## What is the Project?

Leeds Museums and Galleries will celebrate the International Week of Refugees (20-25th of June 2023) and International Refugee Day (20th June 2023).

A creative programme has been launched to do this: We are looking to cover the giant map at Leeds City Museum with handmade Sunflowers which will be on display from 20th – 25th June 2023. We are looking for volunteers to assist visits to groups around the city; run craft activities on site and support the installation of the project on the 19th June 2023.

## What's in it for you?

Gain experience of a museum setting

Use your own interests and skills, through community engagement with groups across Leeds

Become part of a friendly team and assist with craft activities and the coordination of events

Develop your social and communication skills

Meet people from all walks of life and make new friends

Learn how to handle objects

Increase your awareness of asylum issues and how to welcome refugees

## What's involved?

Help Leeds Museums and Galleries build partnerships with local groups

Talk with people *from a variety of backgrounds, faiths and cultures*

Assist with craft activities

Encourage families and visitors to take part in the sunflower competition

Share information on the journey of refugees or people who have sought asylum

Share news of the free access offer to our sites for refugees and those seeking asylum

Attend relevant training and induction

The role will suit you if you are friendly, enthusiastic and reliable. Ideally you will enjoy working as a team and be keen to learn and gain experience.

Volunteers should be willing to abide by the Council's code of conduct.

We welcome volunteers from a range of backgrounds. Please tell us if you require any adjustments to be made to enable you to attend.

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults.

Location: Leeds City Museum, Millennium Square, LS2 8BH

Time commitment: flexible

Day: flexible

Duration: to end of June 2023

Expenses: Out of pocket travel costs between home and the gallery will be paid up to the value of £6.00 per day.

Further information: If you would like an informal chat about the project, contact the Assistant Community Curator via Email: [sapphia.cunningham-tate@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:sapphia.cunningham-tate@leeds.gov.uk) or Tel: 07566759593

Closing Date: 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023

If you are interested in volunteering you will need to attend a taster day at the Leeds City Museum on 25th January 2023, 1-4pm for an informal, hands on and social sunflower making day. To book a place on the taster session, please call the Volunteer and Skills Development Coordinator on 0113 3367840 or email: [volunteer@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:volunteer@leeds.gov.uk). We will get back to you after the closing date.

Please note: There are limited spaces on the session, should all spaces be taken we will start a reserve list. If you need to cancel please let us know so we can offer the opportunity for someone else to attend.

This link takes you to information on [How volunteering affects your benefits - overview - Citizens Advice](https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/benefits/benefits-introduction/how-volunteering-affects-your-benefits/) or type this address into your browser - <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/benefits/benefits-introduction/how-volunteering-affects-your-benefits/>



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