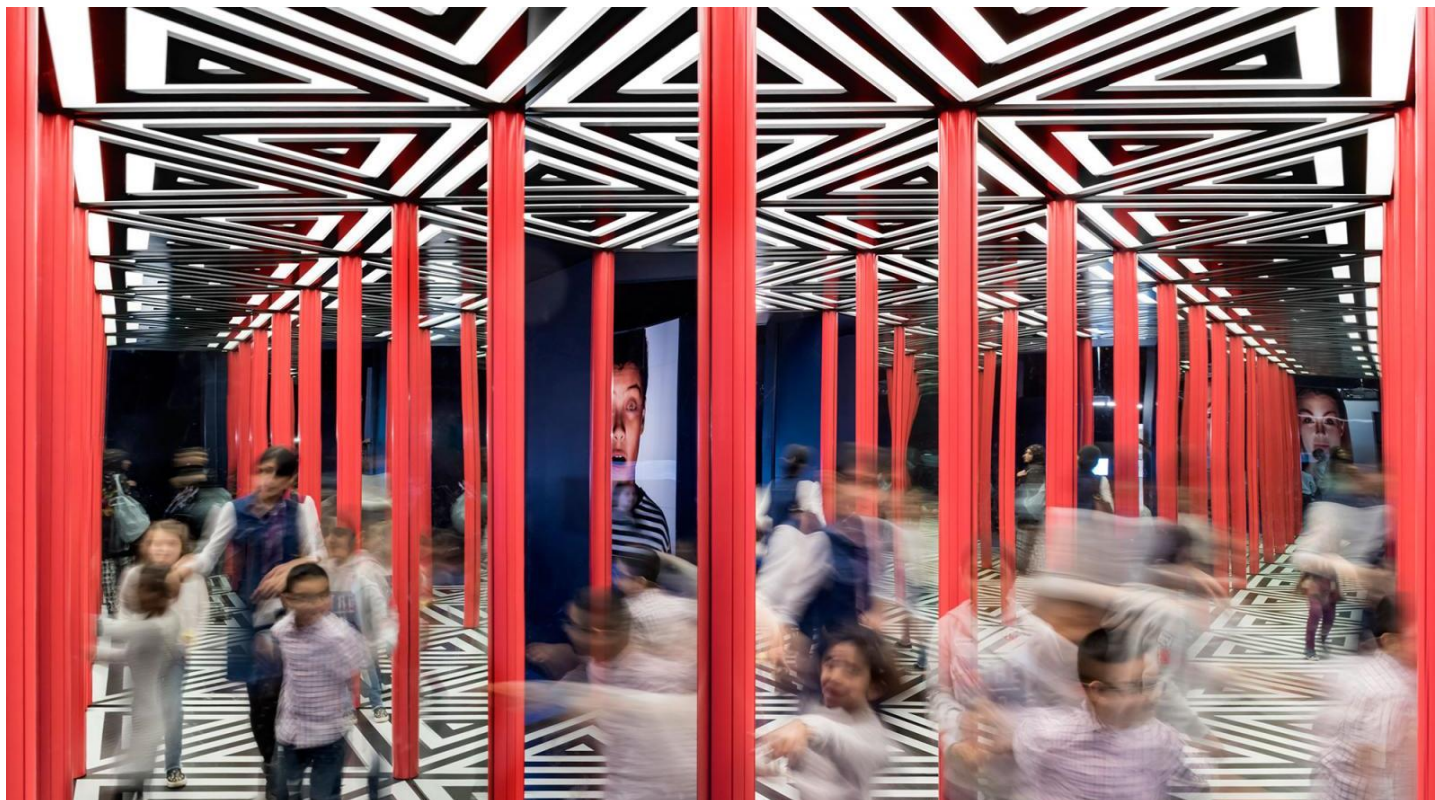


VOLUNTEER VACANCY INFORMATION PACK



Exhibition Engagement Volunteer for Cancer Revolution Special Exhibition.

Closing Date:

23.00 on 1 September 2021

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About the Role (Volunteer Role Description)

The Museum is part of the Science Museum Group. The Museum is a charity (No: XN63797) with exempt status.

OUR MISSION AND VALUES:

At the Science Museum Group, we make it our mission to **Inspire Futures**. Our talented and dedicated colleagues are guided by five values that encapsulate simply what we're all about:

- we **think big**, pushing the limits of what's possible;
- we challenge ourselves to **reveal wonder**;
- we use our passion, expertise and creativity to **share authentic stories**;
- we aim to **ignite curiosity** in our audiences and our colleagues; and
- we take pride in being **open for all**

INSERT ROLE TITLE

Department: Exhibitions

Type: Volunteer Role

Location: Science and Industry Museum, Manchester

Hours: One Half Day Per Week

Supervisor: Volunteer Coordinator

Start Date: October 2021

End Date: April 2022

ABOUT THE ROLE:

Cancer Revolution explores how more of us than ever before are surviving and living longer with cancer - because of advances driven by research. The exhibition will open at the Science & Industry Museum in Manchester in October 2021, and then at the Science Museum, London in May 2022.

The latest research tells us that 1 in 2 of us will be diagnosed with cancer in our lifetime. What does this mean for all of us now, and in the near future?

Cancer touches the lives of everyone and poses a huge and growing challenge as our population ages. Scientific research is driving the changes that will enable more of us to live longer and with a better quality of life with cancer than ever before. With an aging population and increasing cases of cancer, it is imperative we tell this story now.

Cancer Revolution will invite visitors to re-examine their perceptions of cancer. For the first time in history, half of those diagnosed with cancer survive for 10 years or longer. This is shifting our perception and treatment of cancer away from what was largely considered a terminal illness towards one treated increasingly as a chronic condition. Powered by stories of altruism and persistence, the exhibition unfolds through glimpses of people who study, treat and live with cancer, revealing hidden stories of researchers, clinicians and policymakers fuelling progress. The exhibition will intertwine their stories with those of people with lived experiences of cancer in a powerful expression of shared hope: Together we can live longer, better with and beyond cancer.

Cancer Revolution will be the first major, object-rich temporary exhibition to invite visitors to explore this subject by:

- Reflecting on historical progress to appreciate how we got to this point in cancer care,
- Exploring how contemporary research, focused on cancer evolution and its ecosystem, is accelerating further progress, and
- Considering the tangible actions we can take, as individuals and together as a society, to live longer and better with cancer.

The exhibition is being informed and shaped through collaborations with people living with and affected by cancer (supported by CRUK), to help us achieve our ambition for the exhibition to feel hopeful yet honest, inclusive, authentic and sensitive to the diverse experiences cancer has created.

WHAT YOU WILL BE DOING:

- Delivering object handling sessions with a small collection of specially chosen objects
- Engaging with the exhibition by being knowledgeable about the content and sharing this with visitors
- Engaging visitors with their specialist knowledge on the content of the exhibition, and reciprocally learning from the people they meet
- Signposting visitors to further areas of advice and support related to the exhibition content if required.
- Encouraging visitors to engage with all interactive elements of the exhibition.
- Taking care of your personal health and safety and that of others. Complying with the Science Museum Group H&S Policies, risk assessments and safe systems of work and reporting any health and safety concerns and help to ensure the safety of the objects in the exhibition.
- Undertaking any other tasks required to fulfil the duties of this volunteer role.

WHAT YOU BRING TO THE TEAM:

You will definitely ...

- Have a passion for interacting and engaging with the public, enjoying talking to a wide range of people from different backgrounds
- Be friendly and happy to approach visitors
- Have an interest in the museum, and exhibitions
- Be reliable, and have a desire to deliver great customer service- A commitment to volunteer one half day per week is required for this role.
- Be able to demonstrate initiative and enjoy being part of a team
- Enjoy learning new information and sharing this with others

It would be good if you ...

- Have experience of working with the general public in a customer facing role
- Have experience of working with families and young children
- Have an enthusiastic and dedicated approach to volunteering
- Want to gain more experience of being in a learning environment
- Want to gain more skills in this area

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- To volunteer in this role, you must be 18 or over and eligible to volunteer in the UK. Unfortunately, SMG is unable to act as a sponsor organisation if you do not have the appropriate visa.
- A basic criminal record check applies for this role, we will consider every applicant on a case by case basis.

- An enhanced criminal record check applies for this role, we will consider every applicant on a case by case basis.
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HOW TO COMPLETE YOUR ONLINE APPLICATION FORM

When you reach the “Why do you want to Volunteer in this Role?” section of your online application form, please tell us how you meet the following criteria:

**(If appropriate: Insert guidance to outline how much detail you would like an applicant to provide)*

1. Why you would like to volunteer for the exhibition
 2. Any relevant experience you have
 3. Skills you would like to gain by volunteering with the museum
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If you require assistance to complete your application or would like to inform us of anything we need to take into consideration during our shortlisting process, for example due to a disability, please contact us by email at volunteering@scienceandindustrymuseum.org.uk or by calling 0161 696 7774.

We wish you every success with your application!