

Heritage Activist Residency - Role Description

(please read with Open Call Out document)

Opportunity: Heritage Activist - Residential Voluntary Worker at Toynbee Hall, 28 Commercial Street, London E1 6LS

We want to share and celebrate our heritage with the public, and ensure that we carry our history of community action into the future, by recruiting our second cohort of residential voluntary workers

Invitation: We are offering a six-month residency to live at Toynbee Hall. Unfortunately there is no studio space available during this residency, but there will be access to our multipurpose education space. We are inviting applications for a **Heritage Activist Residential Voluntary Worker (RVW)**. We are particularly interested in artists with a socially engaged practice. We welcome proposals that demonstrate how your practice can draw upon our rich heritage, drawing on Toynbee Hall's archive, and actively engaging with Toynbee's direct services and the communities that we engage with.

It is a unique opportunity to develop your practice in new ways; supporting a charity that focuses on working towards a future without poverty, and bridging the gap between people of all social and financial backgrounds.

What will I be doing?

- Developing and facilitating relationships using your existing contacts, making new partnerships with communities, organisations and Toynbee's direct services
- Produce a dynamic programme of debates/discussions on local issues using our heritage themes: access to justice, housing, welfare and child poverty as your starting point
- Using your knowledge of social media, and sharing platforms to develop engaging online discussion/debate content to a wider audience
- Be part of the end-of-year residency process/show/exhibition at Toynbee Hall, sharing the process/work of all the RVW's

We want you to:

- Explore and debate, using Toynbee Hall's rich heritage as your starting point
- Draw on research and facilitating skills to challenge and ask constructive questions
- Inform Toynbee Hall's social media platform by contributing to, 'Your time at Toynbee Blog' through at least 5 entries during your 6-month residency.
- Share your process and creative achievements here at Toynbee, resulting in an end-of-residency showcase/exhibition/conference alongside the other RVW residencies

What skills, knowledge or qualities do I need?

Skills

- Minimum of 2 years' experience of social action or community-led activities, including organising events



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- Ability to develop good working relationships with partner organisations and community groups
- Proven ability to work independently as well as successfully collaborating with others
- Strong communication and people skills, including public speaking, with the ability to work with different audiences including young people
- Proven ability to work independently as well as successfully collaborating with others. Effective time-management skills incorporating prioritising tasks and meeting deadlines

Knowledge

- Some knowledge and interest in community learning, skills sharing and promoting under represented voices
- Some knowledge and interest in social policy and the mechanics of influencing change
- Sound working knowledge of social media platforms

Qualities

- Commitment to giving your time and a genuine passion and interest in the voluntary sector / community engagement - we are looking for individuals whose own practice reflects this).
- Reliable, flexible, punctual and committed to delivering projects on time through effective time-management.
- Inquisitive; a willingness to learn more about Toynbee Hall's heritage and direct services, and open to learning new skills.
- Imaginative and innovative – a desire to experiment with new ideas
- Positive, enthusiastic, and friendly
- Sensitivity when working with people and communities; actively supporting Equal Opportunities and observing and respecting confidentiality

Additional Information Please read the **call out document**; this will help you decide if the role is suitable for you

How to apply

Please submit the following documents to recruitment@toynbeehall.org.uk

- A completed Toynbee Hall application form
- A proposal demonstrating how your socially engaged practice relates to the skills, knowledge and qualities outlined in this role description
- An up-to-date CV
- Please attach up to four examples of your work that are applicable to the specific role that you are applying for. You can send work as PDFs, jpegs at 700dpi, or a link to your website for any larger files or film/mp3. Any work submitted should have the year that it was produced, and a short paragraph explaining its relevance to your application
- Please **do not** send hard copies of your work, as we are unable to return them

Timeline

Closing date for applications: Monday April 15th 2019 9am

Interviews with short – listed applicant: April 23 -26th 2019

Residency length: Approx. 6 months from July 2019 – January 12th 2020 tbc
Minimum 15 hours a week (to be discussed)