

THE BRITISH MUSEUM

Volunteers for Museum Learning
The Marsh Trust Award

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Photo: Phil Sayer

In 2009, the British Museum and the Marsh Christian Trust will present their first awards for volunteers engaging museum audiences. This exciting new award will recognise best practice and the innovative ways in which volunteers work in museums and galleries to engage the public with collections.

Who can enter?

Any individual or group of people who worked on a voluntary basis in direct contact with the public in an accredited museum or gallery can apply. The voluntary work must have taken place during 2008 and must have a focus on education or learning. There will be 12 regional winners (9 English regions and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland) and one overall winner. A museum may enter on behalf of an individual volunteer or group of volunteers. Volunteers at the British Museum are not permitted to apply.

The ways in which you engage with museum audiences could include activity both at the museum and off-site in an outreach capacity. The museum audiences you work with could be specific, such as school groups or families, or it could be general visitors to your museum.

The prizes

Each regional winner will receive £250. The overall winner chosen from the regional winners will also receive an additional £1000. All winners will receive a certificate. Prizes will be presented at a ceremony at the British Museum in spring 2009.

Judging criteria

Applications will be judged against the following criteria

- Making a difference to their museum
- Improving the museum experience for visitors
- Positive feedback from museum visitors and staff

The judging

All entries will be judged by a panel comprising of Marsh Trust staff, British Museum volunteers and staff, and a representative from one of the regions.

The decisions of the judging panel are final. No entry will win by default if it is the only entry in a region; it must meet the criteria and will be entered in with a neighbouring region for judging purposes.

The entry form is also downloadable from www.britishmuseum.org

Name of volunteer

Tick if under 18

Address

Postcode

Telephone

Email

Name of museum/gallery where you volunteer

Address

Postcode

Telephone

In which region do you volunteer?

<input type="checkbox"/> Wales	<input type="checkbox"/> North West
<input type="checkbox"/> Scotland	<input type="checkbox"/> North East England
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Ireland	<input type="checkbox"/> Yorkshire
<input type="checkbox"/> East Midlands	<input type="checkbox"/> South East
<input type="checkbox"/> East of England	<input type="checkbox"/> London
<input type="checkbox"/> West Midlands	<input type="checkbox"/> South West

Give a brief description of the voluntary work being entered (maximum 100 words)



How have you made a difference to the museum?
(maximum 50 words)

How have you improved the museum experience for visitors? (maximum 50 words)

What positive feedback have you received from museum visitors and staff? (maximum 50 words)

Please continue on blank piece of paper if necessary.

Please ask a member of the museum staff to sign this form. In signing this form the staff member is verifying that you are a volunteer at their museum and that they support your application for this award.

Signature

Name

Job title

Email

Please send your completed entry to:
Volunteers Office
British Museum
Great Russell Street
London WC1B 3DG

Telephone +44 (0)020 7323 8184

All entries must be received by 17.00
on Monday 16 March 2009

