

MUSEUM *of* BRANDS

Volunteer Session Leader

Title	Volunteer Session Leader
Location	Museum of Brands, London, W11 1QT/ offsite reminiscing sessions at London care homes
Working Pattern	Either a full day (8 hours) or a half day (4 hours) each week, for a minimum of 3 months.

Summary

The Museum of Brands is a small, friendly museum of consumer culture in West London. We are looking for Volunteer Session Leaders to support our Living Brands Programme, which is designed for people living with or affected by dementia. The project aims to deliver sessions to people living with dementia and their carers, led by trained volunteers and activity providers. This role will be based at the Museum of Brands, London, W11 1QT and offsite at care homes where reminiscing sessions will take place.

Role Description

As a Volunteer Session Leader, you will lead reminiscing sessions at dementia day cares that offer meaningful social engagement for people living with dementia. During the sessions, you will meet people from a variety of backgrounds from all over the world, offering a truly enriching experience. Our multi-sensory object handling and creative activities aim to connect participants with their memories, providing a safe space where they can share stories and learn something new. As session leader, you will choose a theme and activity for the session, lead reminiscing activities supported by other volunteers and provide feedback after the sessions.

You will also assist in other areas of the Wellbeing Department, including marketing, research, object making, supporting community events, and front of house duties when needed.

Our volunteers help us to run the museum on a day-to-day basis, providing a warm welcome to our visitors and playing an essential part in running our activities. Volunteers will be ambassadors for this exciting, lively and engaging museum.

Person Specification

- Friendly and personable with comfortable presenting in English
- Willing to learn how to engage with people living with dementia in a creative way
- Experience working in a people-facing role
- Team players who enjoy working with a diverse range of people
- Ability to work independently and under own initiative
- We are also looking for supporting volunteers for sessions

Skills Gained:

Working with people living with dementia in an art/museum setting is rewarding and offers many interpersonal and transferrable skills. Leading and supporting reminiscing sessions improves your listening, public speaking, empathy, leadership and caring skills; it develops your teamwork and managing skills as well as helping to improve people's quality of life.

Other Living Brands tasks will enhance your administration, marketing, research, and presentation skills. As a Wellbeing Volunteer, you will be part of a passionate group of individuals, all interested in improving people's health and wellbeing through arts and culture.

Training and Support

The Living Brands Team is dedicated to supporting volunteers to gain important skills they can use in their personal and professional lives and offer them a meaningful experience. Our induction process gives new volunteers the information and training they need to be able to lead reminiscing sessions. Training is mainly 'on the job', supported by the Community Development Team, Museum Manager and experienced volunteers. We have policies in place to support safe and enjoyable sessions for our Wellbeing Volunteers and our participants.

We are happy to provide volunteers with references and CV support for potential employment opportunities.

Museum Responsibilities

- Demonstrate a commitment to the principles of equality of opportunity and fairness of treatment
- Respect all confidentiality, principles, and practices of GDPR UK
- Comply with fire and health and safety policies and legislation
- Undertake further training as necessary

Availability

We are looking for people who would like to donate either a full day (8 hours) or a half day (4 hours) each week, for a minimum of 3 months. Travel expenses will be paid up to £10 per day.

How to Apply

We invite anyone interested in this role to apply with a CV and a brief covering note to our Volunteer Coordinator, Sara (volunteer@museumofbrands.com), with the subject line Volunteer Session Leader.