



SIR JOHN SOANE'S MUSEUM LONDON

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Soane Youth Panel Member

Sir John Soane's Museum, London, UK

About us

Sir John Soane, the son of a bricklayer, became one of the most celebrated architects of his day. When he died in 1837, he left the home that he designed to the public. Today the Museum fulfils his wish and presents his collection of art, sculptures, books and furniture as it was in 1837, so visitors can step back in time into his beautiful and unusual house.

Role overview

The Youth Panel is a group of young people aged 15–24 who live, work or study in London, who help the Museum shape activities, events and opportunities, particularly those we offer for a younger audience. Launched in 2016, The Panel has become an important way for the Soane Museum to engage their work with young people. The Panel has worked on a wide range of projects, from developing a youth-focused evening event to organising talks for the London Festival of Architecture, and from creating artwork and poetry to developing online content as part of an exhibition for *The Architectural Drawing Prize*. The Panel is organised and facilitated by the Soane Learning team and, through interacting with staff members from across the Museum, aims to provide young people with a flavour of what museum life is like. See an example of a past Youth Panel project here, through exploring our online exhibition: <https://www.soane.org/architecture-drawing-prize/architecture-drawing-prize-2020>.

We have 4 existing Youth Panel members and we're looking to welcome up to 8 new young people for our Summer 2022 project, creating an exciting intervention linked to our current *Space Popular: The Portal Galleries* exhibition. This project will be shaped by Youth Panel members, working closely with our Learning and Exhibitions teams, and provide an exciting opportunity to become immersed in museum life. Further information about the *Space Popular* exhibition is available here: <https://www.soane.org/exhibitions/space-popular-portal-galleries>

How much time do you need to donate?

Our meetings for the Summer 2022 project will take place between August 10th and September 18th, usually on a Wednesday evening 4.30 – 6.30 pm, with the event taking place on Sunday 18th September. These will be a mixture of in-person and Zoom sessions, and we need youth panel members to be able to attend at least 4 out of the 5 sessions. Dates for the meetings will be as follows:

Wednesday 10th August

Wednesday 24th August

Wednesday 7th September

Wednesday 14th September

Sunday 18th September (event day - timing TBC)

If you are interested in joining the youth panel but unable to commit to the Summer 2022 project dates, please get in touch with Lettie Mckie, Learning Manager (lmckie@soane.org.uk), as we will be recruiting for new members again in October 2022.

The role

You will have the opportunity to collaborate with a wide variety of Soane staff as they develop new and exciting projects. All activities that you take part in are created and developed in line with individual members' interests and skill needs. We focus on providing you with transferable skills that you can take forward into whatever career you choose for the future, whether in museums or not. This year, we're focusing on short-term projects, which will take place over 2-3 months, and start with the Summer 2022 *Space Popular* project.

We're looking for someone who is:

- Aged 15 – 24
- Lives, works or studies in London
- Happy to work as part of a team
- Interested in learning new skills
- Keen to make Museums more accessible to young people
- Happy to attend training sessions via Zoom, including a digital welcome, before you start

What you'll gain from being a part of the Youth Panel:

- Training – this will include a welcome training session and may also include project specific training
- A weekly newsletter from the Soane
- Invitations to take part in talks and events as part of the Volunteer programme
- Support from experienced staff including the Learning Manager and Youth Panel Facilitator
- Information about opportunities and events aimed at young people from other organisations
- Reimbursement for out-of-pocket travel expenses up to an agreed maximum.

How to apply

To apply please fill out the registration form and email it to lmckie@soane.org.uk or by post to Lettie Mckie, Learning Manager, 13 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, WC2A 3BP.

We welcome applicants from all sections of the community, as we want to reflect the diverse demographics of London residents. You don't need to have volunteered before or visited Sir John Soane's Museum, or any Museum.

Registrations for this role will close on 25th July at 10am. Please send your registration form to us by then.

We plan to organise informal discussions via Zoom or Microsoft teams for week starting 1st August which will include the Learning Manager and Youth Panel Facilitator. We won't be able to offer informal discussions to everyone who applies but we will provide feedback on applications if it is requested.

Please contact the Learning Manager, Lettie McKie, via lmckie@soane.org.uk if you have any questions about the role or need the registration form in a different format. If you have an access need you would like to let us know about at this stage, please get in touch and we'll be happy to answer any questions.