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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 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 to engage their work with young people. We have 4 existing members and we’re looking to welcome up to 8 new members to our Panel. The Panel has worked on projects from developing a youth-focused evening event, creating artwork and online content part of our current exhibition, The Architectural Drawing Prize. Please follow this link to our website and our online exhibition: <https://www.soane.org/architecture-drawing-prize/architecture-drawing-prize-2020>.

**How much time do you need to donate?**

We encourage all members to get involved with at least one of the projects, which typically would involve attending around 5/6 sessions, in order to get the most out of being in the Panel. We are open to different lengths of participation. As a guide, people often stay with the Panel for 6 months and we are flexible on how long you stay with us. The Youth Panel currently meets fortnightly via Zoom on a Wednesday at 5pm.

**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. This year, we're focusing on short-term projects, which will take place over 2-3 months; these will be discussed at panel meetings in April.

**We’re looking for someone who is:**

* Aged 15 - 24
* 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 day, before you start

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

* Training – this will include a welcome day 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 Volunteer Manager, Learning Officer and Learning Manager
* Information about opportunities and events aimed at young people from other organisations
* Reimbursement for out-of-pocket travel expenses up to a maximum of £12.50 per day.

**How to apply**

To apply please fill out the registration form and email it to volunteer@soane.org.uk or by post to Katie Weston, Volunteer Manager, 13 Lincoln’s Inn Fields, London, WC2A 3BP. You can also apply via our online registration form via this link: [Online Registration](https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CYNW75B)

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 Monday 8 March 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 March 15 2021 which will include the Volunteer Manager and the Learning Officer. 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 Volunteer Manager, Katie Weston, via [volunteer@soane.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@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.