

SOUTHWARK

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LEARNING CENTRE



About Us

The Learning Centre delivers learning programmes based at Southwark Cathedral. Our core activity comprises interactive trails and workshops for school, families and community groups that enable exploration of the history and heritage of the Cathedral and its living role as a working church.

Learning Centre volunteers

Our team of enthusiastic and dedicated volunteers lead school sessions and support holiday family learning activity. We welcome applications for new volunteers who have experience of and enjoy working with children, young people and families.

What is involved?

Term-time volunteer roles involve leading trails and workshops for students at all levels of education from nursery/EYFS through primary and also secondary. Session themes and activities vary from exploring our herb garden and making bees wax candles to tours about our monastic history. You can find information about our session on the [Cathedral website](#). You don't have to be an expert on any of the topics or age groups as you will receive training and plenty of time to observe and learn sessions.

Holiday volunteer roles involve supporting our growing programme of family learning activity. These events tend to be light-touch and drop-in with a variety of hands-on activities and trails.

What are we looking for?

- An interest in, experience of and aptitude for working with and engaging young people.
- A friendly, flexible, welcoming, warm and approachable manner.
- An interest in interpreting the history and working life of the Cathedral.
- Good oral communication skills.
- The ability to work independently and as part of a team.
- The ability to adapt to changing situations.
- Commitment to volunteer for a minimum of two school terms.

What will you get out of it?

- Training and skills-development in Informal Learning and Learning Outside the Classroom.
- Becoming part of a friendly and collaborative team.
- Volunteering in a historical setting with a rich heritage, dating back over 1,000 years.
- Invitations to special events and relevant meetings.
- Reimbursement of travel expenses, up to the cost of a one-day travel card, on production of a valid receipt or ticket.
- Regular meetings with the Education Officer.

More volunteer benefits are outlined in the volunteer handbook on the website.

Availability and your commitment

- This is an ongoing opportunity.
- The role based at Southwark Cathedral, either in the Cathedral itself, the classroom setting or in the grounds of the Cathedral depending on the session topic and theme.
- Volunteers will be asked to commit to a minimum of two workshops per half term.
- Volunteers need to arrive at 10.00am for morning sessions and 12.15 for afternoon sessions which is 30 minutes ahead of the start of the sessions.

Application process

- Potential volunteers are given a copy of the role description and are asked to complete a short application form.
- References are requested on return of the application form.
- We will invite you for an informal chat with our Education Officer and you have an opportunity to ask questions and find out more about the role.
- Applicants are subject to Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks.
- A recruitment decision will be made (dependent on references and results of DBS checks) and if the applicant is suitable a start date will be agreed.

If you have any questions please contact the Education Officer, Emily Harris at edcentre@southwark.anglican.org.

If you wish to apply, please download the application form on the volunteer webpage and send the completed form to Cathedral.Volunteers@southwark.anglican.org.