

Our Shared Cultural Heritage

Local Liaison paid opportunity

Background

The Our Shared Cultural Heritage project (OSCH) focuses on exploring the shared cultures and histories of the UK and South Asia. The project works with young people aged 11-25 to experiment and create new ways for museums and youth organisations to work together and become better places for young people to explore identity, connect with others and to create new opportunities for young people. The project is led by British Council in partnership with Glasgow Life, Manchester Museum and UK Youth. It is funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund's Kick the Dust programme.

The Opportunity

This is an exciting opportunity for youth workers to support young people's engagement with the project while benefiting from training, professional development and building professional networks by becoming a Local Liaison on the OSCH project.

Three Local Liaisons will be appointed in Greater Manchester between October 2019 – June 2020 to help recruit young people onto the project, to set up activity with youth groups and to build connections between organisations, young people, their families and wider communities.

The Local Liaisons will actively support OSCH for nine months, during which they will shape and support the first stage of the project: 'Laying the Foundations'.

This first stage represents the groundwork needed at the early stages of youth engagement and the preliminary work needed from organisations and staff. This stage will help the project work effectively within local structures, authentically engage with and train young people, and make solid plans for a sustainable project.

Who are we looking for?

Local Liaisons will likely be youth workers currently working with young people (aged anywhere between 11-25) primarily of South Asian descent in Greater Manchester, who reflect their identity and understand their lives. They will be leaders in their local communities and will already hold the trust and respect of young people, their families and/or schools.

What will they do?

They will make sure the project connects with their local area, youth group and/or network of young people as much as possible.

The Local Liaisons will work with the project's Manchester City Project Coordinator – Sadia.

Sadia works on the project at Manchester Museum to connect young people with the museum. She organises youth workshops, training and development for young people to

enable them to plan and test out new ways that the museum could become more useful and representative.

The Local Liaisons will help Sadia recruit young people to become involved in the project in various ways. The Local Liaisons may help run some OSCH activity with their existing youth groups or enable Sadia to come into their youth groups to run sessions. They will help Sadia identify young people to become involved with specific activities, workshops and events.

They will attend monthly Steering Group meetings. The Steering Group will look at the project deliverables and help guide the project to achieve them in the best way. The Local Liaisons will sit on this group alongside Sadia, other Manchester Museum staff and young people. The Steering Group will influence the Project Board (where British Council, Manchester Museum, Glasgow Life and UK Youth meet) in decision making on the project.

This opportunity also includes access to training. Local Liaisons will be invited to a range of training sessions on the project which will improve their understanding of museums, the British Council, cross-sector working and more. They will also have the opportunity where appropriate to suggest and shape training sessions that will benefit them, the young people they work with and/or the organisation(s) they might represent.

Main opportunities:

- Be a core part of the OSCH project management structure for one year – sitting on the Steering Group as well as influencing the OSCH Project Board
- Enable young people/ youth groups to benefit from involvement in the project, shaping innovative new work and exposing them to opportunities such as social action projects, events management, training and development opportunities
- Develop long-term relationships with museums, national youth organizations and the British Council
- Have access to museum spaces to develop practice, share networks and knowledge.
- Access to training sessions
- Support museums to learn through exposure to youth work practice
- Serve as advocates for young people, parents, youth/community groups and the wider community

Timescale of role

Individual induction meetings will take place between **21-23 October**.

The first Steering Group meeting will be on the evening of **Thursday 24 October** at Manchester Museum. Following that, meetings will take place on **the 3rd Thursday evening of the month until June 2020**.

The contract will run until June 2020.

How to apply

To apply, email a completed Application Form and your CV to Isobel Cecil, Project Manager, by **midnight on 29 September 2019**.

Email: isobel.cecil@britishcouncil.org with the subject line: Local Liaison Application

If we think you suit the role, you will be invited for an informal meet-up to discuss further on 7 or 8 October.

Contract details

Total contract value - £2,660.

This includes VAT if applicable, any standard travel or sundry expenses. Reasonable travel to Project Board Meeting if held in a different city and to Steering Group Meetings will be claimable on top of the total contract value as agreed separately.

The contract will last from October 2019 – June 2020

You will be expected to complete roughly 18 days of work, where a day refers to 8 relevant working hours. This will be roughly broken down into:

- Nine ½ day Steering Group meetings (4.5 days)
- One day travel and attendance at a Project Board Meeting (1 day)
- Remaining days for supporting project, research, youth sessions and other work (12.5 days)

If you are unavailable on Thursday evenings but would still like to be involved in the project, please still get in touch. Contact Isobel Cecil on isobel.cecil@britishcouncil.org with any questions.