

Exhibition: Body Vessel Clay

Gallery Steward Volunteers



Two Temple Place is a unique architectural gem based in central London. It was built in 1895 for William Waldorf Astor, and features an eclectic and eccentric array of crafts and décor.

We are recruiting volunteer Gallery Stewards for our 2022 exhibition, Body Vessel Clay: Black Women, Ceramics & Contemporary Art, running 29 January – 24 April.

Showcasing ceramics made by Black women, the exhibition spans 70 years, opening with the seminal potter, Ladi Kwali, working in the 1950s and bringing the worlds of indigenous Nigerian and British Studio Pottery together to galvanise a new wave of creativity. Tracing seven other contemporary female artists of colour disrupting ceramic traditions, this exhibition is a bold new perspective on one of the world's oldest artforms.



At Two Temple Place, volunteers make a hugely significant and highly valued contribution to our cultural offer. Without them, we couldn't open our building and our cultural and community programmes for free to the public.

More than 140 volunteers generously give up their time to ensure the smooth running of exhibitions and events.

Volunteers welcome visitors, run guided tours, engage the public with the story of Two Temple Place, and sell merchandise in our exhibition shop.

We provide the following training and induction:

- The history of the building
- An introduction to the current exhibition
- Visitor services guidance including visitor management and an inclusive welcome
- An introduction to the exhibition shop
- Induction into using two-way radios (for building communications)
- Fire, and health & safety procedures.



What we can offer you:

- Free VIP access to curator tours
- Discounts on purchases in our exhibition shop
- Exclusive visits to other museums/ galleries and cultural venues in London
- An annual Volunteers' Party at Two Temple Place
- The opportunity to meet people from different backgrounds
- The opportunity to make new friends and share your enthusiasm
- The opportunity to become part of a supportive team and community
- Training and references (visitor services, retail and art gallery experience)

What we need from you:

- An enthusiasm for Two Temple Place and our exhibitions and events.
- To undertake flexible shifts, ideally with some week-to-week consistency.
- The desire and ability to provide a warm welcome.

Access:

There is a short flight of stone steps leading up to our entrance. Wheelchair access to the building can be gained via a stair climber. Once inside the building, a lift provides access to all floors, and there is an adapted toilet on the ground floor.

We want our building and activities to reflect a variety of voices, opinions, skills and social and cultural experiences. Two Temple Place welcomes applications from the widest possible range of people and is keen to encourage interest from candidates from communities that are currently under-represented in the industry.

We welcome people of all abilities and offer a supportive environment for those with additional needs. We provide all training for the role; no prior volunteering or museum/gallery experience is needed just enthusiasm and commitment!

How To Apply:

To register your interest in volunteering with us please contact Fay McDermott:
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