

# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT DR JOHNSON'S HOUSE, 2017

**VO'LUNTARY.** *adj.* [*volontaire*, Fr. *voluntarius*, Latin.]

1. Acting without compulsion; acting by choice.
2. Willing; acting with willingness.

(Johnson, *A Dictionary of the English Language*, 1755)

Dr Johnson's House is a charming Georgian townhouse, nestled amongst a maze of courts and alleys in the historic City of London. Samuel Johnson, writer and wit, lived here in the mid-18th century, and compiled his great *Dictionary of the English Language* in the Garret. Today, the House is open to the public from Monday to Saturday, with collections relating to Johnson, restored interiors, and a research library.

## Volunteering at the House:

Dr Johnson's House has a dedicated team of volunteers who provide invaluable support to our two members of staff, aiding the smooth running of the house. Volunteering can be a great way to meet new people and gain behind-the-scenes experience, and we recruit people of all ages and backgrounds to join our friendly volunteer team.

We regret that no travel expenses can be offered and no employment opportunities are available at the end of the period, although you will gain a great understanding of the many aspects of running an historic house museum and valuable experience in the heritage sector.

Not all placements require qualifications or previous experience, but an enthusiastic approach and an interest in Dr Johnson, and language and history is vital. Please refer to the person specification for each post.

## CURRENT OPPORTUNITY

### Exhibition Volunteers

#### Availability:

One morning **and/or** afternoon per week, Tuesday or Wednesday.

#### Placement period:

ASAP until Friday 29 September, with a possibility of staying longer if preferred.

#### Purpose of the role:

To act as a Room Steward and engage with visitors during our exhibition, ***Collecting Johnson: Attracted by rarity, seduced by example, and inflamed by competition***. To ensure the safety and security of the collection and exhibits at all times, and to conduct visitor surveys and other duties as required.

#### To apply:

Please contact [helenw@drjohnsonshouse.org](mailto:helenw@drjohnsonshouse.org) by **Thursday 3 August** clearly stating your availability. Please include the details of **two referees**, both of whom will be contacted before the placement can start.

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