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## Job Description and Person Specification



**Short-term contract, July to September**  
**5-hour shift on Saturdays**  
**Fee: London Living Wage, £14.80 per/hour**

The Line is East London's public art trail. Its outdoor exhibition programme offers a journey through a dynamic urban landscape where everyone can explore art, nature, and heritage for free. The route runs between Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park and The O2, following the waterways and the line of the Greenwich Meridian. As a space for discovery and learning, we believe art and creativity can enhance opportunity and wellbeing to help to build inspired, connected and healthy communities.

The Line is looking for motivated and engaged young people to join us as Youth Guides this summer, to work outdoors on The Line, at weekends over the summer. Becoming a Youth Guide is a great way to meet others, get outdoors, enrich your local community, learn new skills, and have fun!

Find out more about our previous Youth Guides programmes [here](#).

### What will you be doing? You will:

- Become part of a dedicated team, working in pairs along the route of The Line, in the boroughs of Newham, Tower Hamlets and Greenwich
- Learn to activate The Line's installations and engage the public in conversation by sharing knowledge and ideas about art, nature and East London's history
- Create fun, informative and engaging digital content for The Line

"Thank you for allowing us to participate in such a wonderful opportunity. It was an amazing experience, and it couldn't have been better."

– Former Youth Guide

### Who can apply? We would like to hear from you if you:

- Are aged 18–22 (must be 18 by or on 15th June 2026)
- Live in Newham, Hackney, Tower Hamlets, Greenwich, or Waltham Forest
- Are available on Saturdays between 1st August – 5th September
- Have a passion for your neighbourhood
- Are responsible, reliable, and organised
- Are willing to work hard
- Possess good verbal communication skills
- Enjoy contributing to a team and meeting new people
- Are sociable and willing to talk to members of the public
- Are happy to work outdoors in all weathers

“Growing up in London, it’s like everyone sticks to themselves, it’s a reserved environment so it’s actually been quite shocking to see how an artwork can actually make people feel like they can engage.”

– Former Youth Guide

### Benefits of joining The Line:

- Develop employability skills transferable for future roles
- Build confidence in communication and public speaking
- Work with a committed team of individuals
- Increase experience of teamwork
- Gain experience of community engagement
- Receive paid training
- CV support and a reference upon completion of the short-term contract

“The training was so amazing, we got to feel like we are a part of The Line. When I’m on the street presenting to the public, I feel like it’s a part of me”.

– Former Youth Guide

### Pay:

You will be paid **£14.80 per hour** on a short-term contract. You will be working a **5-hour shift on Saturdays** (12 – 5pm, with a 20-minute break). You will also be paid for two days of initial training, a team-building activity, and an evaluation and CV writing session, subject to your attendance. You will also receive an additional payment of 5 hours as holiday pay, at the end of your contract.

### Key dates:

Job applications close:	Monday 18th May at 5pm
Successful applicants shortlisted by:	Monday 1st June
Interviews:	Monday 8th June, Tuesday 9th June, Wednesday 10th June, Thursday 11th June
Applicants informed of outcome:	Monday 15th June
Training:	Week of 13th July, 2 days (All)
First shift:	Saturday 1st August
Team building:	Week of 10th August 5 hours
Final shift:	Saturday 5th September
CV and evaluation session:	Week of 7th September 3 hours
Shift Length:	5 hours with a 20-minute break (12 – 5pm)

### How to apply for The Line’s Youth Guide programme:

Complete the short application form [HERE](#) and complete our Equal Opportunities form [HERE](#). If you would prefer to answer the questions in audio or video format, there is an option to upload your file on our form. Please do not hesitate to contact [Elyssa@the-line.org](mailto:Elyssa@the-line.org) with any questions about the role and application process.

## Applications close on Monday 18 May at 5pm

We are committed to equality and diversity within our workforce and in all opportunities. Our recruitment process is open to all, but we would particularly like to encourage applications from people from Black, Asian, and ethnically diverse backgrounds, those who identify as male, LGBTQ+, those from lower socio-economic backgrounds, young people who are not in formal education and those who identify as disabled, as these groups are currently underrepresented in our teams and the cultural sector more widely.

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