

The MIAH Foundation

2026/27 Youth Volunteer Training Programme

A 20-day Volunteering and Training Programme for Young People Aged 18-24

- Programme Dates: 24 October 2026 - mid-August 2027
- Applications Open: 25 September 2026
- Application Deadline: 11:59pm, 8 October 2026

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Are you a young person eager to develop your transferable skills? Perhaps also looking to pursue a career in the arts and culture sector? Or hoping for an opportunity to contribute to the important work we do here at MIAH in promoting the arts and heritage of the Muslim world? If you answered yes to any of these questions, we may have the opportunity for you.

The MIAH Foundation is recruiting young people aged 18-24 for our upcoming Youth Volunteer Training Programme. The programme is designed to develop your transferable skills and give practical experience through training and volunteering at MIAH.

The programme will consist of:

- i) 12-15 training days, where you'll receive hands-on training on event delivery, research, object handling, and more;
- ii) 6-8 days of creative holiday workshop support, where you'll support the delivery of our holiday workshops and activity sessions for school-age children.

You'll also have the opportunity to explore the areas of our work that particularly interest you, such as marketing, research, or exhibitions and creative workshops.

No previous experience in arts, museums, or events is required.

About the MIAH Foundation

The Museum of Islamic Arts & Heritage (MIAH) Foundation is a charitable organisation established in 2020. We aim to promote awareness and understanding of the history, arts, culture and heritage of the Islamic world, as well as the history of Muslims in Britain and Europe through exhibitions, education, workshops and events. Our long-term objective is to raise funds to establish the UK's first independent museum dedicated to the arts and heritage of Muslims and the Islamic world.

We also aim to increase the representation and engagement of people of colour and minority groups of Muslim heritage with the arts, culture and heritage sector, through greater provision that considers their faith and cultural identities.

Venue Address

MIAH Foundation
Moseley Community Hub, 496 Moseley Road
Balsall Heath
Birmingham
B12 9AH

About the Volunteer Training Programme

What Will You Do?

Volunteers will:

- Receive training in a range of practical and transferable skills;
- Support MIAH's creative holiday workshops for children and young people;
- Gain experience in activity planning and event delivery;
- Work as part of a volunteer team;
- Have opportunities to develop their particular interests, from marketing to social media, to creative workshops and research.

Skills and Training

Training will cover:

- Safeguarding and working with children and young people;
- EDI and inclusion;
- GDPR and image consent;
- Marketing and social media promotion;
- Research;
- Activity planning and event delivery;
- Workshop-specific knowledge and skills;
- Object handling;
- Evaluative skills (feedback and event reflection).

The programme will be delivered mainly **in person**, although some training sessions may take place online depending on logistics. Training sessions will account for school dates, taking place on Saturdays or holiday weekdays. A full schedule will be provided at the beginning of the programme.

Your Commitment

This is a **structured 20-day programme**. Volunteers are expected to commit to the full programme, and must be available for the induction and first training session on Saturday 24

October 2026, as well as either or both of the Holiday Workshops Round 1 dates on Thursday 29 and Friday 30 October 2026 (a full list of key dates can be found below).

However, we understand that illness or serious, unexpected circumstances can sometimes affect attendance. Where there is good reason, MIAH will do its best to reassign volunteers to alternative holiday workshop dates where possible. It is unlikely that core training sessions will be repeated. Participants must attend at least 18 programme days to meet the programme requirements and receive a certificate and reference.

Key Dates

25 September 2026	Volunteer Training Applications Open
11:59pm, 8 October 2026	Application Deadline
Saturday 10 October 2026	Screened Candidates Emailed for Interview
Friday 16 & Saturday 17 October 2026	Interview Dates
24 October 2026	Induction & First Training Session
Thursday 29 & Friday 30 October 2026	Holiday Workshops Round 1 (2 days)
(Winter Break) Two days across Saturday 19 December 2026 - Sunday 3 January 2027	Holiday Workshops Round 2 (2 days)
(Spring Half-Term) Two days across Saturday 13 - Sunday 21 February 2027	Holiday Workshops Round 3 (2 days)
(Easter Break) Three days across Friday 26 March - Sunday 11 April 2027	Holiday Workshops Round 4 (3 days)
(Summer Half-Term) Two days across Saturday 29 May - Sunday 6 June 2027	Holiday Workshops Round 5 (2 days)
(Summer Break) Six days across Thursday 22 July - Sunday 7 August 2027	Holiday Workshops Round 6 (3 days in Week 1 & 3 days in Week 2)
Mid-August 2027	Programme Ends

Exact dates of individual training sessions and holiday workshop dates will be confirmed at the beginning of the programme.

Eligibility Requirements

You can apply to the programme if you:

- Are aged **18-24 at the time of application**;
- Can commit to the programme commitments;

- Can attend the induction on 24 October 2026 and either of the dates of the Holiday Workshop Round 1.

This programme is suitable for those with an interest in pursuing a career in creative industries or event management.

DBS and Safeguarding

As participants will be supporting activities involving children and young people, **DBS checks will be carried out as part of the programme.**

Volunteers will also receive safeguarding training and guidance on appropriate conduct, professional boundaries and working safely with participants.

Upon Completion

Volunteers who complete the programme requirements will receive:

- a **certificate of completion**;
- a **standard reference** that can be used for job applications for up to **18 months following completion**;
- practical experience supporting a creative community programme;
- training and experience that can be applied to future study, volunteering and employment.

Is This Programme For Me?

This programme could be a good fit if you are interested in:

- Arts, culture, museums or heritage;
- Creative activities;
- Working with children and communities;
- Events;
- Marketing and social media;
- Research;
- Developing workplace skills;
- Gaining practical experience.

And importantly:

You don't need to have experience in all or any of these areas - the programme is designed to help you develop those skills.

Terms & Conditions

By joining the programme, participants agree to:

- Follow MIAH's safeguarding, equality, data protection, health & safety, and other relevant procedures;
- Complete the required DBS check;
- Follow instructions from MIAH staff and programme leads;
- Treat other participants, staff, and members of the public with respect;

- Handle MIAH objects, equipment, and materials responsibly and in accordance with training;
- Respect confidentiality and comply with GDPR and image-consent requirements.

Further information and relevant policies will be provided as part of induction.

How to apply

Complete the 2026/27 Youth Volunteer Training Programme application form by **11:59pm, Thursday 8 October 2026**.

Shortlisted applicants will be contacted on Saturday 10 October 2026 and invited for interview on Friday 16 or Saturday 17 October 2026.

If you have any questions about applying or the programme, contact us at contact@miahfoundation.com.

Good luck!