

CREATIVES Young People's Panel FAQs

How can I join the CREATIVES Panel?

The CREATIVES Panel is for young people aged 16-19. We prioritise applicants from Oxfordshire state schools.

How often do you meet?

We meet once a month on a Saturday morning from 10.00am- 12.00noon. Dates are available at the start of each term and vary to fit in around Bank Holidays and other activities involving the CREATIVES Panel.

Do I need specific qualifications, skills, knowledge or experience?

No, just a positive attitude and a curious mind.

Do I have to attend every meeting?

We like you to attend as many meetings as possible so that we can build relationships and work as a team. We understand that with exam pressure and other commitments not everyone can attend every meeting.

What do you do?

Each meeting is different. The aim is to get behind the scenes of the Museum and find out about the collections and the Museum's work. Past sessions have included meeting curators and members of Museum staff to find out about their work and running events for members of the public.

How can I find out more?

Look at the CREATIVES blog

<http://blogs.ashmolean.org/creatives/2016/11/17/introducing-our-new-young-peoples-panel/>

Who runs the sessions?

The sessions are run by the Education Officer for Secondary & Young People and another staff member.

What safeguarding procedures are in place?

Two members of staff are present at all times when we are working in study rooms, one of whom is DBS checked. Panel members will also work unsupervised for short times in the public areas of the Museum. We ask panel members to bring a signed permission form with emergency contact information.

Will I receive any training?

We offer an annual opportunity to be trained as an Oxford University Museum Volunteer at one of our Saturday sessions. This will enable you to volunteer to help at events across the University Museums and will be useful training for running public events at The Ashmolean.

What will I get out of being part of the Panel?

You will have the opportunity to meet other young people, learn about the collections, handle Museum objects, work as a team, write blog entries and develop communication and leadership skills. Panel membership can be useful when writing a job application, Personal Statement or a CV.

What does the Museum get out of the Panel?

We want to hear young people's views and feedback about Museum developments and exhibitions. You will take part in planning events and workshops for other young people at The Ashmolean.

Do I get paid for being part of the Panel?

No. We don't pay people for being involved. However, we aim to make special offers and complimentary tickets available where possible for Panel Members.

What about Photography Permission?

We use photographs of Panel members on our blog and for other publicity uses. Your parent or carer will be asked to complete a form to sign to agree to this or make clear that you don't want to be photographed.

What should I do if I can't come to a meeting?

Please email to let us know you can't come so we know who to expect on the day.

How can I join the CREATIVES Panel?

Send an email to Clare Cory, Education Officer: Secondary, FE and Young People at clare.cory@ashmus.ox.ac.uk

Do I need to leave the panel when I'm 19?

Yes – maximum age for membership of the panel is 19.

Are there opportunities to keep in touch with the Ashmolean after I have left the panel?

Yes – the CREATIVES Alumni is a network for graduates of the Ashmolean CREATIVES panel. This is an opportunity to share what you have been doing after leaving the Ashmolean and to continue to find out about what the Ashmolean is doing

What do I do if I want to stop coming?

If you would like to stop being part of the Panel, please send an email to clare.cory@ashmus.ox.ac.uk