

RECRUITMENT PACK

NEIGHBOURHOOD CURATORS

REGENT'S PARK ESTATE
STORY TRAIL

Two or three flexible roles of four
hours per week for 12 months

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WHO ARE WE?

**OLD
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Old Diorama Arts Centre (ODAC) is an arts creation and community centre, with Euston as our inspiration, collaborator and stage.

Our vision is of 'cohesive, creative communities thriving together in Euston' with our intertwining strands of programme are focussed on:

- Affordable space for the live arts, creative industries and local communities to make, explore and meet.
- Arts and social action projects with our local communities of Regent's Park ward
- Interdisciplinary artistic development, as part of London's Knowledge Quarter.

ODAC is home to more than 50 local community groups using free space for meetings, projects and events, alongside in-house produced arts participation projects such as Remix Dance, the One Festival of Homeless Arts and more.

**COMMUNITY
CHAMPIONS**
Regent's Park

Community Champions Regent's Park is a Camden public health-funded resident-led social action and wellbeing-improving volunteer programme which started during the pandemic. It is managed by Fitzrovia Youth in Action, and now based at ODAC. Peer to peer projects and events engage residents, help them to understand what they can do for themselves, and ultimately, celebrate what is really great in the local community. The Regent's Park Estate Story Trail project was initiated by the Community Champions.





Lucky Pigeons by Brainfools @ Regent's Roots Festival

WHAT IS THE STORY TRAIL?

The Story Trail Project is a celebration of the past, present and future of Regent's Park Estate, promoting a sense of community, safety and connection. Through 10 unique art installations, the Story Trail will take the community on a journey through the estate creating opportunities to shape, reconnect and look differently at the area.

The Euston area is currently undergoing major urban changes, with more planned for many years ahead. The Story Trail and wider Stories of Regent's Park Estate (SRPE) is a project making resident-led creative, positive change to the urban environment. Through collaboration between local residents, artists and key city stakeholders, we aim to ensure that Regent's Park Estate thrives and flourishes.

For the Story Trail we will collaborate with residents to commission artistic public wayfinding through a series of up to 10 art and design installations. The commissions will communicate stories of local ecology, culture and heritage, and provide points of interest and information throughout the trail.

These useful, playful and disruptive artistic installations will be co-curated by the Neighbourhood Curators. Artworks will be created by artists and designers in collaboration with the local community, with installations likely to include murals, signage, lighting, digital works and interactive sculptures.



Town Criers by Emergency Chorus with Residents @ Regent's Roots Festival 2023

WHAT IS A NEIGHBOURHOOD CURATOR?

The role of a Neighbourhood Curator is to engage with, collect and represent the views of residents of Regent's Park Estate and to support and ensure these inform the creative development of the SPRE project and the Story Trail. The SPRE project is focused on enabling people to share their experiences of living and working within the Regent's Park Estate in ways which resonate with their lives and their localities.

Each Curator will lead on a specific area or areas of Regent's Park Estate and help to shape and collate case studies and information gathered from residents directly living around the proposed sites for the installation of artworks.



WHO ARE WE LOOKING FOR?

We are looking for local residents who are passionate about the value of art in society.

This would be an ideal role for someone friendly, organised, efficient and adept at balancing the needs of, communicating with and working across the local Regent's Park communities.

We are keen to hear from people who are currently living or working within the Regent's Park Estate and who are excited to play an active role in co-creating and shaping artistic interventions within their community and who have:

- Lived experience of being a resident on Regent's Park Estate (RPE).
- Understanding some of the challenges faced by the community and also the opportunities for working together to enable and co-create positive creative change.
- Good listening skills and empathy for other people's experiences and opinions.
- Be able to develop new and existing relationships with a diverse range of people that live or work on Regent's Park Estate.
- Support people to have conversations, including within groups and individually to ensure their voices are heard and are part of the conversation.
- Connections to existing community groups or services on RPE

MORE INFORMATION

These are real jobs, but they're very part-time and will be adapted to your strengths and your passion for the local area, and the value of the arts within that is a key part of the role. You'll be a key local advocate for the project, and use your personal experience and connections to inform key decisions.

Primarily you will be out and about in Regent's Park Estate, attending events, helping to run workshops and engagement events and generally being present in the community. You will be an employee of ODAC, and we will need a commitment for the duration of the project. The working days might not be like other jobs you have done before.

There'll be lots of meeting and speaking to people, involving people in decisions, and telling people about the work we're doing. Relationships are key within the role: you will work closely with the Story Trail partners including ODAC, Central Saint Martins/UAL, Fitzrovia Youth in Action and Camden Council, and you will develop new and existing connections with residents in and around Regent's Park Estate.

You will also have the opportunity to spend time at ODAC on Drummond Street and get to know the team there and the other work that we do, as well as working with other local organisations based in the Euston and Regent's Park Estate areas.



Through Our Eyes crafts @ Regent's Roots Festival

FULL ROLE DETAILS

ROLE TITLE: Neighbourhood Curator

RATE OF PAY: London Living Wage, currently £11.95 per hour

COMMITMENT: Four hours per week (with flexibility) for 12 months

EMPLOYMENT TYPE: Part-time, fixed-term, employed by ODAC

LINE MANAGER: Project Producer, Stories of Regent's Park Estate.

CLOSING DATE: Wednesday 6th September 2023 (11:59pm)

INTERVIEWS: W/C 11th September

FULL ROLE DESCRIPTION

BEING A CHAMPION

- Be an enthusiastic public face for the project and related Community Champions initiatives, with other residents and public bodies.
- Connect to and continue building a network of relationships and partnerships with a diverse range of people who are representative of the communities of Regent's Park Estate.
- Help to gather a greater understanding of the issues and opportunities that are important to people on Regent's Park Estate.
- Support the forming of new relationships with local residents, local organisations and businesses.

RESIDENT ENGAGEMENT

- Act as a bridge between hyper-local resident engagement and the SRPE Project Producer and key partners.
- Support the generation and delivery of a range of local engagement through a range of events and activities to collect stories and feedback, and collaborate with artists on helping to shape their commissions.
- Lead on communicating opportunities relating to the project to residents, through a range of methods including workshops and pop-up events
- Promote resident engagement and consultation events via leaflets, posters and face to face conversations.
- Support projects with local schools and community organisations.

DECISION MAKING

- Be a key part of the artistic decision-making process which includes helping to co-create the artists briefs, the selection and commissioning of the artists and their public artworks.

ARTISTIC PROJECT SUPPORT

- Support the commissioned artists with their community engagement and with the development and co-creation of the artworks

APPLICATION

If you are 18 yrs+, excited by the opportunity and feel you have the passion and energy to become a Neighbourhood Curator there are plenty of ways to apply!

For an informal chat about the role and to answer any questions please contact Sarah by email: sarah@olddiorama.com or phone 07360216530 and we can arrange a time for that.

We want this process to be as accessible and inviting as possible. If you have any questions about the below, or an idea for an alternative method for an application, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

WHEN YOU ARE READY TO APPLY:

To apply, please send us the answers to these following questions, as a covering letter, video or voice recording (ideally no longer than five minutes) to sarah@olddiorama.com.

- What interests you about being a Neighbourhood Curator?
- What skills and qualities would you bring to the role and to the local community?
- What is your lived experience of being a resident in Regent's Park Estate and how would you use this to support others?

You can attach a CV if you have one, but it is not compulsory.



A child enjoys Roundhouse circus workshopsn at Regent's Roots 2023

INCLUSIVITY:

We actively encourage applications from those with lived knowledge and understanding of the local Camden communities of Regent's Park ward, Camden.

To ensure that the project represents the cultural diversity of the local community, we encourage applications from those from Global Majority backgrounds including but not limited to those of African diaspora heritage, South Asian, East Asian and South-East Asian heritage, and all mixed heritages.

ODAC is an accessible venue and welcomes applications from D/deaf and disabled people; and will facilitate necessary adaptations to the role and working environment, and support with Access to Work.

ODAC is an inclusive space for all genders and sexualities and welcomes applications from members of the LGBTQ+ community.

We want to make this opportunity as inclusive and open as possible. Support is available to anyone who needs access to a computer or help to apply, whether creating a CV or recording a video. If you need any support, reasonable adjustments made or would like to speak more about the role, please contact: Sarah on sarah@olddiorama.com or phone 07360216530.

ACCESS:

If any aspect of this process is not accessible to you, please let us know and we'll do our very best to adapt it.



Pravaas by Akademi @ Regent's Roots 2023