



Chelsea Physic Garden Youth Panel Member

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About us

Established in 1673 by the Worshipful Society of Apothecaries of London, Chelsea Physic Garden began its life as a place to grow and study medicinal plants. Many of these discoveries are the basis of the modern medicine that is vital to humankind today. Today the Garden is an educational visitor attraction and London's oldest botanic garden where people can enjoy seeing and learning about our collection of 4,500 medicinal, useful and edible plants.

The Role

Chelsea Physic Garden wants to recruit ten young people aged 16-24 to join its first ever Youth Panel and we want you to be involved. You will help steer Chelsea Physic Garden's decisions and activities, making sure we represent and become a place for younger people. You will have the opportunity to learn about the Garden and the work that goes on behind the scenes. You will help us by representing the youth voice that the Garden is currently missing. As this is our first ever Youth Panel for Chelsea Physic Garden, the panel create the culture future members in years to come.

Chelsea Physic Garden is in the middle of restoring our historic glasshouses. As part of this project we are working to highlight the stories and science of the plant collections that live within the glasshouses.

We want to grow awareness of Chelsea Physic Garden within our local community, across London, and in the U.K. as a whole. Engagement with different audiences, including young people, is a key goal for us. Including and listening to young people is how we want to achieve it.

How much time do you need to donate?

The Youth Panel will meet monthly on a Thursday evening at 16:30. We hope to meet in person at Chelsea Physic Garden but we may meet online via Zoom depending on restrictions. Meetings will last no longer than 2 hours.

We recommend attending one session a month for six months, to get the most out of being on the Panel, but we are happy to discuss different lengths of participation. In the lead up to planning an event or project, some additional time might be requested but we will always discuss this with you.

Will I be reimbursed for expenses?

Members of the Youth Panel will be reimbursed for out-of-pocket travel expenses up to the value of £15.

We're looking for someone who is:

- aged 16-24 from London.
- happy to volunteer as part of a team of peers and professionals who represent different views.
- interested in learning new skills that are transferable to a career you choose.
- keen to make culture and heritage sites more accessible and inclusive to young people by representing issues that matter to you.
- happy to attend sessions in person or via Zoom every month.

What you get from being a part of the Youth Panel

- Training, including a welcome day training session.
- A range of transferable skills e.g. advocacy, budget management, problem solving, teamwork, presentation and communication skills.
- Support from, and opportunities to, collaborate with experienced staff including the Volunteer Development Manager, the Learning and Public Engagement Team and the wider Garden Team.
- Knowledge and understanding of how a charity and business operate.
- Responsibility to voice and action your suggestions for change.
- A chance to observe the results of your contributions.
- Dedicated fortnightly newsletters to keep you informed of news from the Garden and Volunteering Teams.

How to apply

To apply please complete the online that you can find here:

<https://www.chelseaphysicgarden.co.uk/youth-panel-2022/>.

We welcome applications from everyone, as we want to reflect the diverse demographics of London residents. You don't need to have volunteered before, visited Chelsea Physic Garden, or even visited any heritage site.

Applications for this role will close at 9am, Monday 28 February 2022.

We plan to hold informal discussions via Zoom or Microsoft teams in early March which will include the Volunteer Development Manager and the Learning and Engagement Officer. We won't be able to offer informal discussions to everyone who applies but we will provide feedback on applications if it is requested.

Please contact Katie Weston, Volunteer Development Manager, via kweston@chelseaphysicgarden.co.uk if you have any questions about the role or need the application form in a different format. If you have an access need you would like to let us know about at this stage, please get in touch and we'll be happy to answer any questions.