

Little Stars Freelancer

<p>Royal Observatory Greenwich</p>	<p>Royal Museums Greenwich (RMG) comprises of the Royal Observatory, Cutty Sark, National Maritime Museum, Queen's House and Prince Philip Maritime Collections Centre. Together we're dedicated to enriching people's understanding of the sea, the exploration of space, and Britain's role in world history.</p> <p>The Royal Observatory is London's oldest institutions for Astronomical observation at 350 years old. We are currently undergoing a once in a generation redevelopment project which will include improvements to our architecture, landscaping, galleries, and public programming. We want to support local families in having better access to astronomy and its history at the Royal Observatory, as well as engaging families with the heritage of the Royal Observatory itself.</p>
<p>The Project</p>	<p>We are looking to improve our offer for families at the Royal Observatory. With this in mind, we are creating Little Stars, a programme where families with children under the age of 7 can partake in an assortment of fun, memory-making activities based on the Royal Observatory's collections, heritage and themes. These events will be delivered as part of a weekday and weekend programme and will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a social club for carers of toddlers and babies, • and a storytelling session, incorporating music and movement, role play, sensory play, exploration and elements of relaxation. <p>We are working to create a safe and welcoming space for families and carers of very young children. Our activities will involve the whole family. In addition to the regular <i>Little Stars</i> programming, we will have annual <i>Toddler Takeover Days</i>. Variations of the workshops designed for the <i>Little Stars</i> programme will be pulled together as a suite of activities to run for the day. Families will come together to play, have fun and meet other families in the same stage of their family life. The idea is that the event will bring all the fun of a family party but with a twist - the toddlers are in charge for the day!</p> <p>We will work with our Family Forum in the development of the <i>Little Stars</i> programme, ensuring a community-led approach.</p>
<p>The opportunity:</p>	<p>We are seeking a Freelancer to develop and pilot a storytelling session that will run as part of the <i>Little Stars</i> programme, with support from the Astronomy team.</p> <p>Within this project you will:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a programme from scratch, leaving your mark on the brand-new family programming at the Royal Observatory. • Be part of a major once-in-a-generation redevelopment. • Develop something around the Royal Observatory's themes, collections and heritage. • Work at a World UNESCO Heritage site. • Use creativity to build a fun, engaging and inclusive programme for families with young children that stimulates the imagination and encourages participation.
We are looking for someone who:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has previous experience working in public engagement aimed at families with young children, including experience with vulnerable adults / children / families. • Has proven experience developing and/or producing family programmes with a focus on storytelling. • Is organised, collaborative, and confident communicating with families and community partners. • Brings enthusiasm, creativity, and empathy to community working. • Is available to attend key planning meetings (a hybrid of online and in-person) and piloting sessions (in person at Greenwich).
Aims and objectives of the project:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To develop a stronger family programming offer at the Royal Observatory, encouraging families with children under the age of 7 to engage with and approach the site as a welcoming, inclusive community hub for learning, socialising and enjoyment. • To evoke a sense of belonging and connection for families with children under the age of 7, both to the local community and to the Royal Observatory. • To provide more local heritage programme opportunities for families with young children in Greenwich and its surrounding boroughs. • To provide more opportunities for whole-family fun and interaction and increased wellbeing for families with children under the age of 7 in Greenwich and its surrounding boroughs. • To incorporate a variety of different cultural stories to represent and celebrate the diverse community of Greenwich and its surrounding boroughs. • To increase science and cultural capital for families with young children in Greenwich and its surrounding boroughs. • Strengthen community links with the Royal Observatory and its local communities, communicating RMG's values and commitments to creating a more inclusive focus for local communities.
Output	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To create an interactive and adaptable storytelling session that incorporates elements of music and movement, sensory

	<p>exploration, role play and relaxation into the delivery of the workshop.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To explore and research the Royal Observatory's themes, collections and heritage through multi-sensory storytelling. The workshops are to be run as part of the regular <i>Little Stars</i> programming and the annual <i>Toddler Takeover Days</i>. • This storytelling session will be delivered to families with children under the age of 7, each session may have a different make up of ages. • To create a training guide for the future delivery of the session. • To run and evaluate pilot tests of the programme to ensure the session is appropriate and engaging for families with young children and manageable for staff. • To regularly check-in with the programme lead throughout the development and testing process. • After the running of piloting sessions, feedback will be provided to aid the finetuning process of the programme.
Consideration s:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An up-to-date DBS is essential. • You will work with support from members of the Astronomy Team, volunteers and our partner community organisations. • Work will need to be signed off by the relevant programme lead before delivery. • There is budget associated with the project for props which will need to be allocated in collaboration with the programme lead. • We will provide audiences for piloting sessions.
Scope and exclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The activity must be suitable for our audiences per the guidance and information we provide.
Your Proposal	<p>How to Apply</p> <p>Please submit a short expression of interest (maximum one page) outlining:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your relevant experience • Why you are interested in this role • An outline of your proposed timeline based on the 'output' and 'considerations' <p>Please send your expression of interest to mleedham@rmg.co.uk (use the subject line Little Stars Freelancer) by 9 am, Wednesday 18th February 2026.</p> <p>We will review the applications and reserve the right to call shortlisted candidates for interview</p>

Timings and deadline	The Little Stars programme will run from February 2026 – March 2029. We aim to start work in early February 2026 and to have a completed session that has been piloted at the latest by early April 2026.
Fees and budget	A fee of £1,412 is available for the development and piloting of the Little Stars programme.