

Little Stars Facilitator

Royal Observatory Greenwich	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. The Royal Observatory is London's oldest institution 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.
The Project	We are looking to improve our offer for families at the Royal Observatory. With this in mind, we have worked alongside an experienced freelancer to create Little Stars, a programme where families with children under the age of 5 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: • a storytelling session, incorporating music and movement, role play, sensory play, exploration and elements of relaxation. • a social club for carers of toddlers and babies, We are working to create a safe and welcoming space for families and carers of very young children. Our activities 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!
The opportunity:	We are seeking a facilitator to run the regular monthly sessions of the <i>Little Stars</i> programme. We are recruiting more than one person for this role. The facilitator will work from a pre-defined programme structure that has been piloted and refined by the Astronomy Team and an experienced freelancer. Within this set structure, there will be room for the facilitator to add their own personality to the session, incorporating

	different elements of the Royal Observatory's themes, collection and heritage into each workshop. Within this project you will: • Be part of a major once-in-a-generation redevelopment. • Deliver sessions around the Royal Observatory's themes, collections and heritage. • Work at a World UNESCO Heritage site. • Use creativity to lead a fun, engaging and inclusive programme for families with young children that stimulates the imagination and encourages participation. • Add your own stamp to the Royal Observatory's programming.
We are looking for someone who:	• Has previous experience facilitating workshops aimed at families with young children, including experience with vulnerable adults / children / families. • Has proven experience delivering family programmes with a focus on storytelling. • Has experience working with heritage themes. • Is welcoming, fun, and confident communicating with families and community partners, building trust and lasting relationships. • Brings enthusiasm, creativity, and empathy to community working. • Demonstrates flexibility when adapting to the changing needs of the audience. • Can work within a pre-defined structure but also able to add individual creativity. • Can translate research into themes, collections and heritage into storytelling. • Is available to deliver monthly in-person workshops at Royal Museums Greenwich sites.
Aims and objectives of the project:	• To encourage families with children under the age of 5 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 5, 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 5 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. • To 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	• To work within a pre-defined programme structure to deliver an interactive storytelling session that incorporates elements of music and movement, sensory exploration, role play and relaxation into the delivery of the workshop. • To facilitate a relaxed social club that allows parents of toddlers and babies to socialise and take a breather whilst their children play and explore safely and independently. • To build the Royal Observatory's themes, collections and heritage into the provided programme structure for each session. • The workshops are to be run as part of the regular <i>Little Stars</i> programming and the annual <i>Toddler Takeover Days</i>. • To check-in with the programme lead throughout the running of the programme. • To support with evaluation, whether that be helping in the collection of feedback from audiences, or by providing feedback directly.
Consideration s:	• An up-to-date enhanced DBS is essential. This must be on the update system. • A training pack will be provided, providing guidance in the running of the pre-designed session. • 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 are working in partnership with community organisations who serve vulnerable families. Therefore, some sessions may include audience members with diverse needs. • Little Stars will be delivered to families with children under the age of 5, each session may have a different make up of ages.
Scope and exclusions	• The activity must be suitable for our audiences per the guidance and information we provide. • The programme is open to the public so the facilitator will need to be flexible and adaptable to their audience.
Your Proposal	How to Apply

	Please submit a short expression of interest (maximum one page) outlining: • Your relevant experience • Why you are interested in this role Please send your expression of interest to ROGheritage@rmg.co.uk (use the subject line Little Stars Facilitator) by 9 am, Monday 17th August 2026. We will review the applications and reserve the right to call shortlisted candidates for interview
Timings and deadline	The Little Stars programme will run as monthly sessions on Mondays and Thursday from October 2026 – March 2029. The sessions will take place in the mornings from 10:30am – 12:30pm. These are the following dates for the next 6 months: • Thursday, 1st October 2026 • Monday, 2nd November 2026 • Thursday, 10th December 2026 • Thursday, 7th January 2027 • Monday, 1st February 2027 • Thursday, 4th March 2027 We will be recruiting for more than one freelancer for this role; dates will be shared between freelancers. In addition to the regular running of the Little Stars programme, variations of the Little Stars workshops will be incorporated into the annual Toddler Takeover Days. There will be three Toddler Takeover Days each year from March 2027 – March 2029.
Fees and budget	We offer a day rate of £353 for each monthly iteration of the Little Stars programme. A day rate consists of a half-day of delivery, alongside a half day of preparation (including research into the Royal Observatory's themes, collections and heritage).