

VOLUNTARY GALLERY GUIDES

AGWA's passionate Voluntary Gallery Guides, also known as Guru Guides bring the Gallery's varied Collection to life through free guided tours. As a Voluntary Gallery Guide you will inspire creativity and stimulate conversations with education audiences, private tours and our daily visitors

AS AN AGWA GUIDE YOU WILL RECEIVE:

- Invaluable experience working within one of Western Australia's most significant cultural institutions.
- Opportunities to develop new skills, connections and networks within the arts industry.
- Regular opportunities to look at, learn about and talk about art with a wonderful group of like-minded people.
- Free entry into all paid exhibitions at the Art Gallery of WA.
- Occasional discounted or complimentary invitations to arts activities and events in Perth.
- 20% discount at Arthouse Dine.
- 15% discount at the Gallery shop (excluding catalogues).
- A membership card entitling you to reciprocal benefits at other galleries in Australia and sometimes worldwide.
- A great feeling that you are contributing to the cultural health and wellbeing of our community.

THE IDEAL GURU GUIDE WILL HAVE:

Exceptional communication skills

- A good grasp of spoken and written English is desirable but we welcome applicants whose second language is English.
- Proficiency in a second language, including AUSLAN, is valuable but not required. We do scheduled tours in languages other than English when possible.
- The ability to communicate effectively with others, especially school-aged children, in a friendly and engaging manner.

Enthusiasm for arts and culture, and willingness to learn.

- A keen interest in the visual arts and a desire to expand one's knowledge and interact with art of different genres.
- The ability to research, interpret and absorb new information and to order material in a logical manner.

A reliable and positive attitude towards work.

- The ability to commit to the time required for initial training and, once qualified, to carry out the duties required of a Guide





AS A VOLUNTARY GALLERY GUIDE, YOU WILL:

Be an ambassador for the Gallery

- Maintain our exceptional standard of customer service to visitors, ensuring that everyone has an enjoyable experience at the Gallery.
- Embody the AGWA's values both inside and outside the Gallery by upholding the Code of Conduct.
- Show your support through advocacy of the Exhibition and Guiding programs.

Be an active member of the Guides

- Participate in the training program for Gallery Guides at AGWA.
- Research and share information with the Guides about artworks in the State Art Collection and temporary exhibitions.
- Grow your knowledge and understanding of visual arts through attendance of professional development meetings.
- Collaborate with your peers to research and prepare for exhibitions with the support of AGWA Curators, Exhibition and Visitor Experience Teams.
- Research, plan and conduct tours, starting with tours for primary school students.

GURU GUIDE REQUIREMENTS:

- Complete the Training Program for Voluntary Gallery Guides.
- Attend regular fortnightly Professional Development meetings.
- Engage in extra training provided by the Gallery for special exhibitions.
- Upon graduating from the Training Program, research, plan and conduct a minimum of 28 tours per year, starting with tours for primary school students who visit the Gallery on weekdays during school term time.
- Submit a research paper each year on a particular artwork or group of works in the Gallery's collection.
- Be an active member of study group aligned to the AGWA Exhibition Program.
- Comply with AGWA's Code of Conduct and other policies.
- Able to hold National Police Clearance and Work with Children Card. (AGWA will assist with submitting these clearances for any volunteer who does not have one.)

WAITLIST NOW FOR 2019

There are no vacancies in the Gallery Guide program at the moment.

If you are interested in becoming a Guide please email volunteer@artgallery.wa.gov.au and ask for your details to be added to the Waitlist and you will be contacted when the next recruitment period opens.

