



Educational Consultant

Sefton Park Palm House Preservation Trust are currently welcoming expressions of interest for the following brief.

We are looking for an Educational Consultant to consult with local teachers and educators to analyse what the Palm House can offer for educational visits for Early Years, Primary and Secondary Schools. The consultant will also develop lesson plans and accompanying resource packs for Early Years Foundation Stage and Key Stages 1 & 2 in different subjects.

This is to be developed in consultation with schools, so that we deliver what schools want and need. Co-design is crucial.

Overview

The Palm House is a grade II* Victorian building, located in Sefton Park and housing part of the spectacular Liverpool Botanical Collection. It is our aim that this unique community asset supports children and young people's learning and development. The Palm House's mission statement is "rooting for people, plants and place".

The Palm House is committed to our strategic aims which are:

- Improve the wellbeing of local residents
- Build understanding of the value of plants
- Provide opportunities for education and skills
- Support pride in place
- Include and represent local diverse communities
- Sustain and diversify income

Project aims

The aims of this work will be to:

- Consult with local primary school teachers, home educators and schools to determine the most valuable contribution that the Palm House can make to support

the delivery of the national curriculum at Key Stages 1 & 2 and support specific priorities for local Liverpool schools.

- Consult with local secondary school teachers, home educations and schools to determine the most valuable contribution that the Palm House can make to support secondary schools.
- Research the Palm House's potential to provide niche and tailored solutions for addressing specific issues e.g. providing a programme for SEN students.
- Determine the Palm House's potential as a site for outdoor learning, including whether it's realistic to develop its own forest school programme through consultation with local schools to determine if an outdoor classroom would be useful to them, and if it is something they need. Forest School was trialled for 6 weeks, one morning per week, during summer 2024, so the Palm House has limited data to share as a starting point for the Educational Consultant.
- Once the consultation phase has taken place, the consultant will then fully research what the Palm House can offer for every primary school aged child. They will work with the Head of External Relations Kate Martinez, a trained white badge guide for the site and specialist horticulturalist, Colin Hughes to understand the potential educational content of the Palm House.
- The Educational Consultant would be expected to design complete lesson plans with accompanying education packs and resources for EYFS and Primary Key Stages for a variety of subjects. This must be a sustainable, high quality, educational offer.

The Educational Consultant must then train and upskill Palm House staff to deliver the sessions.

School visits at the Palm House

We introduced school visits in 2021 with support from National Lottery Heritage Fund. This demonstrated the potential of the Palm House to support schools and be an inspiring site for learning and development. 1,099 school children visited between April 22 - March 23, 606 children between April 23 - March 24. 987 are currently booked in for this financial year.

We have developed an introductory free, accessible school offer with further potential. This includes a story, tour of the Palm House, craft activity and a poem to end the visit.

We want to improve this offer by tailoring it different key stages and subject specific curricula.

The budget for this project is £7,000, and it must be completed by 31st March 2025.

How to Apply

If you would like to express interest, please send:

- A statement of how you would approach this project.
- Outline your approach, methodology, timeline, and breakdown of costs including your daily rate and that of any collaborators.
- A short biography for you and any collaborators.
- Examples of your previous work.
- Two references who we may contact if we ask you to deliver your proposal.

If you would like to call for an informal discussion about this opportunity, please call Kate Martinez, Head of External Relations, at the Palm House on 0151 726 9304 or email kate.martinez@palmhouse.org.uk

Expressions of Interest should be submitted by email, for the attention of Kate Martinez, Head of External Relations, no later than 9am on Monday 16th December to kate.martinez@palmhouse.org.uk