

## So where do we find children and young people?

### Schools

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- If your museum already works with a local school, talk to the contact teacher
- A member of staff or volunteer may have personal links with a local school or group through their children, grandchildren or being a governor
- Find out which schools are doing Artsmark and [Arts Award](#)
- To find your local schools use the [Department for Education](#) website tool

#### Primary schools (ages 4-11)

- Contact a class teacher who knows your museum
- Send a letter or email to the Head
- Use the local authority bulletin or newsletter to invite schools

#### Secondary Schools (ages 11-16/18) – and FE Colleges (16+)

- Contact the Head of a specific subject department e.g. Engineering, Art, Business Studies, Leisure & Tourism. To find out which subjects a school or college offers, take a look around their website for a prospectus, subject or staff list.
- Check the school's website and the local press to find out what your local school is interested in or planning and approach them about working together. Schools will be keen on opportunities linked to their current or future interests e.g. an important anniversary, a project to improve particular pupil skills.
- Approach other staff in the school:
  - Head of Year, Head of Key Stage
  - Gifted & Talented Co-ordinator
  - Work Experience, Work-Related Learning or Enterprise Co-ordinator
  - Youth council or Pupil Voice Co-ordinator
  - Duke of Edinburgh Co-ordinator
  - Inclusion Co-ordinator, Support & Guidance Co-ordinator
  - Extended Services, Community or Outreach Co-ordinator

### What else should we consider?

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- Schools will need time to make arrangements, so start conversations sooner rather than later.
- Primary schools often find it easier to come out of school for the day, but staff will need to accompany the children so they might be keener if you can accommodate a whole class (see our case studies for ideas).
- Job titles, particularly in secondary schools, vary so look at their website or call the school office or reception to find out the best person to speak to.
- For guidance on ensuring your young people stay safe whilst they are with you see the [ACE Child Protection Guidelines](#).

### Try getting in touch with:

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#### Youth groups

[UK Youth \(regional and national Youth Associations\)](#)

[UK Youth Parliament](#)

[British Youth Council](#)

[Young Advisors](#)

Check your local council or county council for details of council-run youth clubs and centres.

## Uniformed groups

[Girl Guides](#)

[Scouts](#)

[Sea Cadets](#)

[RAF Air Cadets](#)

[Army Cadets](#)

[Boys' Brigade](#)

## Youth organisations

[Duke of Edinburgh's Award](#)

[Children's University](#)

[University of the First Age](#)

## Volunteers

[vInspired](#)

[Volunteer Centres](#)

## Consider also:

- Faith groups
- Young people's support groups and children's charities e.g. young carers, disability groups
- [Home-educated children's groups](#)
- Any other venues or organisations you know of where young people meet