

WHAT IS PAST-FUTURE?

Past-Future is an annual heritage work experience programme for young people aged 16-18. This year, 9 young people spent one week at Selly Manor Museum during the summer, 31st July - 4th August 2023.

With thanks to The Arts Society and CB & HH Taylor 1984 Trust who generously funded this years Past-Future programme, enabling Selly Manor Museum to offer a bursary to every young person taking part and removing barriers to access.



The aim of the programme is to offer those participating the opportunity to learn more about the heritage industry, try out different museum jobs, develop transferable work skills, and support Selly Manor Museum to improve its provisions for young people.



A special highlight this year was when the young people took part in a speed networking event with local heritage professionals.

TIMETABLE

MONDAY

Meet the team at Selly Manor Museum. "Design a Museum". Interactive tour of Selly Manor Museum and Bournville Village.

TUESDAY

Sample bitesize museum events! Selly Manor Museum Taskmaster challenge.

WEDNESDAY

Try a job - Support the Selly Manor team and have a go at some of the different jobs that you can do in the heritage sector: research, conservation, curation, events, marketing, front of house!

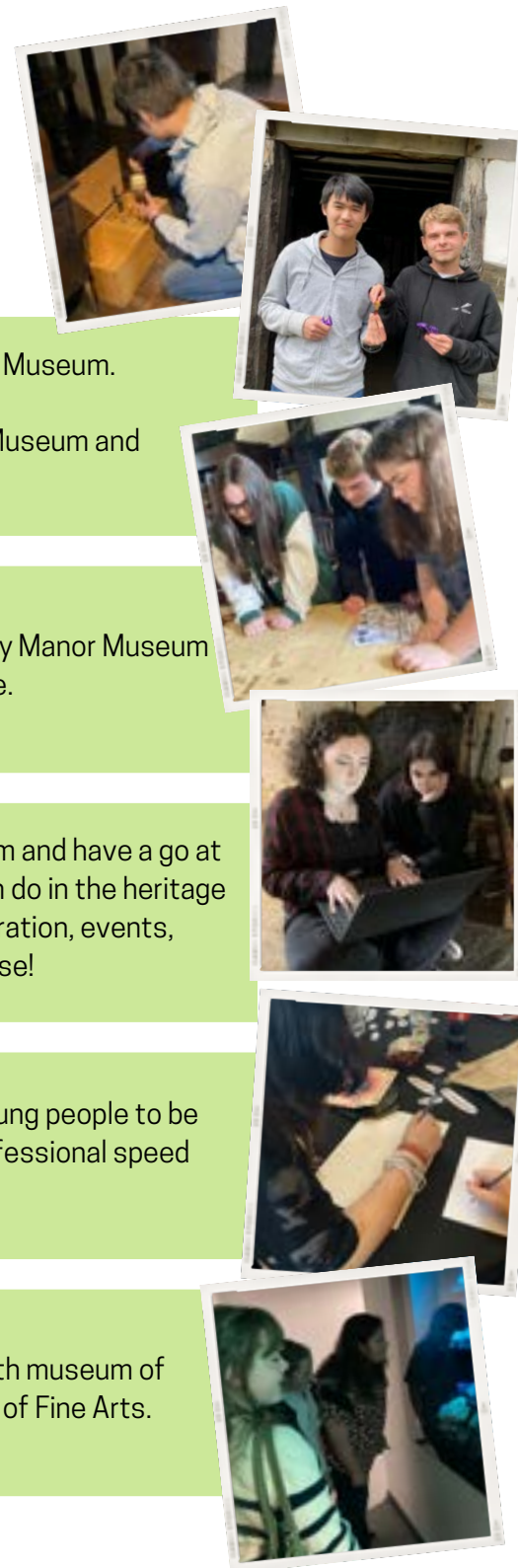
THURSDAY

Plan and pitch your own event for young people to be hosted at Selly Manor Museum. Professional speed networking!

FRIDAY

A visit to other local sites: Lapworth museum of Geology and the Barber Institute of Fine Arts.

PLUS HOST OWN EVENT FOR KIDS IN MUSEUMS TAKEOVER DAY, NOVEMBER 2023



MONDAY

On Monday the young people discussed what they think museums and heritage sites are, who visits them, and what they do.

They enjoyed an interactive tour around Selly Manor Museum and played Bournville Bingo in our interactive tour to learn all about our local history.



TUESDAY

On the second day Past-Future sampled the wide range of activities that are possible in museums:

- Yoga in the Solar
- Silent Disco in the Parlour
- Block Printing Selly Manor bags
- Escape Room in the Manor
- Tudor Film Festival

After lunch the group reviewed museum events, started thinking about what events could be hosted at Selly Manor Museum, and had a go at Selly Manor Museum, Taskmaster!



WEDNESDAY

"The programme broadened my understanding of the many job opportunities that museums offer, and the various different roles museums play in their communities."

Everyone was able to learn about and gain experience trying out different types of jobs that are available in the heritage and museum industry.

CURATOR

Each young person chose an object from the museum collection and wrote their own object label.

CONSERVATION

They examined sticky traps to check for dangerous insects that could damage the collection.

FRONT OF HOUSE

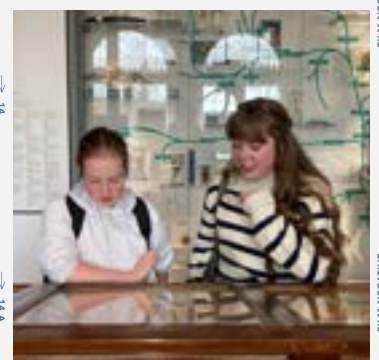
Everyone learnt how to use the till and how to welcome customers to the museum.

EVENTS

The young people helped us to create lego challenges for our summer family event: the Super Summer Lego Lab.

MARKETING

Everyone wrote their own social media posts that were then shared across our social media pages.



THURSDAY

As part of the Past-Future programme, Selly Manor Museum provides the opportunity for the group to plan, organise and host their own event at Selly Manor Museum as part of Kids in Museums Takeover Day 2023, following this years theme, Let's Play! The young people planned and pitched their event idea to Selly Manor Museum staff - a Murder Mystery at the Manor.



Past-Future took part in a poetry workshop exploring Working Class histories in Bournville as part of Historic England Everyday Heritage, learning how heritage can be shared in a community, and what types of histories are recorded. Their group poem was included in the projects Poetry Anthology.



The last part of the day was a speed networking event that gave the young people an opportunity to engage with heritage professionals from the West Midlands, learn about their jobs, and ask questions. This provided the young people with a greater understanding of different opportunities available in the arts and heritage industry.



FRIDAY

To understand what other museums and heritage sites can do Past-Future went out to explore other local site.



THE
BARBER
INSTITUTE OF
FINE ARTS

LAPWORTH
MUSEUM
OF GEOLOGY



MURDER AT THE MANOR

This Murder Mystery event was organised by Past-Future 2023. The script, information, and activities taking place were all planned by the group to be delivered on Saturday 18th of November for Kids in Museums Takeover Day 2023.



EVENT AIMS

- Bring new audiences into the museum. In particular Young Adults, who do not typically engagement in heritage.
- Build upon the Kids in Museums Takeover Day 2023 theme: Let's Play



FEEDBACK

"It was amazing and has made me more interested in history."

"I am now more motivated to go to museums as they have intriguing events."

100%
SAID YES

Would you like to be involved in more heritage opportunities?



Exploring Selly Manor

Would you recommend Past-Futures?
100% YES



At the Barber Institute

"It was an amazing experience and the museum is beautiful."



Becoming Tudors

"It's been a really good opportunity to enhance my cv and learn communication skills."



Taskmaster Champions

"The programme was so well organised and structured. We got to try so many new things with different people."

Listen to what the young people thought of their experience during Past-Future by scanning the QR code!

