

# **Section Six: Taking Your Mentees Out**

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# Taking Your Mentees Out

It is by no means expected that you take your mentee(s) out on trips and visits but we would certainly encourage you to do so if you get the chance. In previous years mentors have found this can help break up the programme and act as a good reward/incentive for the students.

Most of the ideas listed below are free admissions - but please check before you go - as these facts are correct at the time we went to print. Unfortunately the programme does not have the funds to cover any expenses that you may incur.

## Leisure Trips

### Bank of England Museum (020 7601 5545)

Threadneedle Street EC2R 8AH

Bank tube/Liverpool Street tube/Fenchurch Street rail

Open 10am - 5pm Mon-Fri. Closed Sat, Sun and bank holidays.

An excellent and accessible museum that traces the bank's history from 1694 to the present. Try your hand at a spot of banknote printing and see the gold bars (dating back to ancient times) held in the vaults.

### Barbican Centre (020 7638 4141)

Silk Street, London, EC2Y 8DS

Moorgate/Barbican tubes

The Centre is open generally 10am - Midnight.

Barbican Art organises a variety of exhibitions, from fashion to fine art and from photography to design, in spaces all around the Centre. Barbican Gallery on level 3 is one of London's leading galleries and hosts a programme of high profile exhibitions that have paid admission, in its two-floor space, but there are also plenty of free exhibitions to enjoy. The Curve, on the ground floor right by the advance Box Office, is developing a reputation for presenting some of London's most interesting contemporary art exhibitions - and admission is usually free.

### Bethnal Green Museum of Childhood (020 8983 5200)

Cambridge Heath Road, London, E2 9PA

Bethnal Green tube, 2 minutes walk

Open 10am - 5.45pm everyday.

Free admission.

### British Museum (020 7636 1555/7323 8605)

Great Russell Street, WC1

Holborn, Russell Square or Tottenham Court Road tube.

Open every day. Saturday – Wednesday 10.00am – 5.30pm Thursdays and Fridays is open from 10.00am – 8.30pm

Most famous for its awesome Egyptian collection, the museum has added a permanent African Gallery to its treasures, and the Great Court in all its bright and spectacular glory is an excellent place to wander. Other famous exhibits include the Rosetta Stone and the Elgin Marbles and there's also the gallery of Native American Art.

Geffrye Museum (020 7739 9893/7729 5647) [www.geffrye-museum.org.uk](http://www.geffrye-museum.org.uk)  
Kingsland Road, E2  
Liverpool Street tube/rail then 149,242 bus/Old Street tube then 67, 149, 242, 243 bus.  
Open 10am - 5pm Tues-Sat; 12noon - 5pm Sun.  
This museum is dedicated to English Domestic Interiors, past and present, the Geffrye organises a wide range of educational activities for children, teenagers, adults and families.

#### Guildhall Art Gallery

East side of Guildhall Yard.  
Bank, St Paul's, Mansion House (Bow Lane exit) and Moorgate tubes.  
Various buses.  
Open 10am - 5pm Mon - Sat; 12 pm - 4pm Sun.  
Last admissions are 30 mins before advertised closing time.

#### **Free Friday Tours**

Combine a visit to the Gallery with a free tour of the highlights of the permanent collection. Booking is not necessary and the tours begin at 12.15pm, 1.15pm, 2.15pm and 3.15pm.

From time to time ceremonial functions in Guildhall may require the temporary closure of the Gallery. Please telephone 020 7332 3700 for a daily recorded message about notice of closures.

Free all day Friday and from 3.30pm onwards Mon-Thurs and Sat.

The new Guildhall Art Gallery which opened in 1999. The original Gallery was burned down during a severe air raid in May 1941. The new Gallery displays about 250 works of art at a time, with a programme of temporary exhibitions exploring different themes and allowing many lesser-known pictures from the collection out of store.

#### The Monument (020 7626 2717)

Monument tube/Bank tube and walk through to Monument  
Open 10am - 5.40pm everyday.  
£1.00 for under-16s, £2.00 for adults.

Built by Christopher Wren between 1671 and 1677 to celebrate the rebuilding of the City after the Great Fire of London in 1666. 202 ft high, there is a viewing platform at 133ft with 311 steps to reach it.

#### Museum of London (020 7600 3699)

150 London Wall, EC2  
Barbican or St Paul's tube/Moorgate tube/rail.  
Open 10am - 5.50pm Mon - Sat; 12noon - 5.50pm Sun. On the first Thursday of every month the museum will be open until 9.00pm.  
Free under-16s. Free after 4.30pm. (Otherwise £3-£5).

#### Natural History Museum (020 7942 5000) [www.nhm.ac.uk](http://www.nhm.ac.uk)

Cromwell Road SW7  
South Kensington tube/buses 14, 49, 70, 345, C1.  
Open 10am - 5.50pm Mon - Sat; 11.30am - 5.50pm Sun.  
Free under-17s, over-60s. Free after 4.30pm Mon-Fri, after 5pm Sat, Sun. (Otherwise £7.50).

St Paul's Cathedral - Evensong (020 7236 4128)

St Paul's tube

The Cathedral is open to sightseers from Monday to Saturday between 8.30 - 16.00

Under 16ys - £3.50. Adults are £9.50. It is free to see inside the cathedral but if you want to view the galleries you will need to pay.

Victoria & Albert Museum (020 7942 2000/2528) [www.vam.ac.uk](http://www.vam.ac.uk)

Cromwell Road, SW7

South Kensington tube.

Open 10am - 5.45pm daily.

Free under-18s and concs; free after 4.30pm (Otherwise £5)

National Gallery (020 7747 2885) [www.nationalgallery.co.uk](http://www.nationalgallery.co.uk)

Trafalgar Square WC2

Leicester Square tube/Charing Cross tube/rail.

Open 10am - 6pm all week ; 10am - 9pm Wed.

Tate Modern (020 7887 8008) [www.tate.org.uk](http://www.tate.org.uk)

25 Sumner Street, Bankside SE1 (main entrance Holland Street)

Open 10am - 6pm Mon-Thur, Sun; 10am - 10pm Fri, Sat.

Free Admission

HMS Belfast (020 7940 6328) [www.hmsbelfast.org.uk](http://www.hmsbelfast.org.uk)

Morgan's Lane, Tooley Street, SE1

London Bridge tube/rail.

Open until Oct 10am - 6pm daily (last entry 5.15pm)

Free under-16s (Otherwise £5).

A Thames spectacle in the form of a 11,500-ton battlecruiser, built in 1938. Children can explore its seven decks and check out its boiler, engine rooms and massive gun turrets.

Also...

Highwire: Make your own video

Highwire is a state of the art multimedia space which is free and open to anyone living and working in Hackney. Amongst other facilities they can lend you and your group a video camera to make a short film that can then be displayed on the website. For more details check out the website [www.highwire.org.uk](http://www.highwire.org.uk) or contact Zia Mehmet, Centre Manager on 020 7613 9512 or email [zia@highwire.org.uk](mailto:zia@highwire.org.uk)

Broadgate Ice

An outdoor ice rink near to Liverpool Street Station is open for six months between October and April every year. It is also home to the Broomball league. Broomball is played on the ice in training shoes and players slip and slide across the ice swinging 'brooms' in an effort to sweep the ball into the goal. The competition commences in November with finals being played in March. The league is free to watch and is played each Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evening.

## **Work related trips**

As well as our own contacts across Hackney, we want to take full advantage of the large network of mentors that are on the programme, so if any of your students want to meet someone doing a particular job then please let us know. We will try and put you in contact with someone who could spare some time to tell your students about their work.

Here are some examples of people with whom we could put you in touch or places you could visit. Please give us a call and we will do our best to put you in touch so that you can arrange a meeting.

Hackney Empire  
Homerton Hospital  
A fire station  
A police station  
A local newspaper  
A PR Company  
An advertising agency  
The House of Commons  
Local artists and poets

If you have friends or colleagues that have interesting jobs and you think they could spend time chatting to any students then please let us know.