CREATIVES FAQs

What is CREATIVES?
CREATIVES is a group for young people aged 16-19. We prioritise students from Oxfordshire state schools.

How can I join CREATIVES or find out more?
Send an email to Clare Cory, Learning Officer: Secondary & Young People at clare.cory@ashmus.ox.ac.uk

When is CREATIVES?
We meet on the FIRST THURSDAY of the month from 4-6pm in the Learning Studio on the lower ground floor. There are a few exceptions- please check current dates on the website. http://blogs.ashmolean.org/creatives/2016/11/17/introducing-our-new-young-peoples-panel/

Do I need any qualifications, skills, knowledge or experience?
No, everyone is welcome!

Do I have to attend every meeting?
It is helpful if you can attend regularly so we can build relationships and work as a team. We understand that with exams and other pressures, this isn’t always possible.

What do you do?
FOOD is available on arrival! Each meeting is different. We visit current exhibitions and other galleries, meet Museum staff to find out about their work, explore the collections and sometimes plan and run events for members of the public. Look at the CREATIVES blog to find out more http://blogs.ashmolean.org/creatives/2016/11/17/introducing-our-new-young-peoples-panel/

Who runs the sessions?
The sessions are run by the Learning Officer: Secondary & Young People and another staff member.

What safeguarding procedures are in place?
Two members of staff are present at all times when we are working in study rooms, one of whom is DBS checked. CREATIVES young people may work unsupervised for part of the meeting in the public areas of the Museum. We ask regular members to bring a signed permission form with emergency contact information.

Will I receive any training?
Once a year we offer a training session so young people can become volunteers across all of Oxford University Museums. This is also helpful for running public events at The Ashmolean.
What will I get out of being part of CREATIVES?
You will meet people, learn about the collections, handle Museum objects, work as a team and develop new skills. Participation in CREATIVES is useful experience for job applications, personal statements or a CV.

What does the Museum get out of CREATIVES?
The Ashmolean wants to hear young people's views and feedback about Museum plans and exhibitions. You help to plan events and workshops for other young people at The Ashmolean.

Do I get paid for being part of CREATIVES?
We don't pay people for being involved. You will receive 2 complimentary exhibition tickets for new exhibitions. We can pay for travel costs by bus to and from the Museum within the city.

What about Photography Permission?
We use photographs of CREATIVES members on our blog and for other publicity uses. Your parent or carer will complete a form to sign to agree to this or please tell the group leader that you don't want to be photographed.

What should I do if I want to come to a meeting?
Please email clare.cory@ashmus.ox.ac.uk before each session so we know who to expect and can plan refreshments.

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Do I need to leave CREATIVES when I'm 19?
Yes – maximum age for membership is 19.

What do I do if I want to stop coming or receiving emails?
If you would like to stop being part of CREATIVES, or not receive emails, please email clare.cory@ashmus.ox.ac.uk