



Volunteers needed!

St Thomas' Church - Give some days for Earth

We are looking for dedicated individuals to help volunteer and support the public during the opening of the famous touring Earth art installation by UK artist Luke Jerram from 20th April to 12th May at St Thomas' Church in Douglas.

Marking Earth Day on the Isle of Man in 2024, we're inviting the public to see the planet as they have never seen it before. Gaia, the touring iconic giant illuminated globe measures six metres in diameter, and features 120dpi detailed NASA imagery of the Earth's surface.

You can see images of it here: <https://my-earth.org/about/>

The artwork provides the opportunity to see our precious planet on this scale, floating and turning in three-dimensions. A specially made surround sound composition by BAFTA award winning Composer Dan Jones is played alongside the artwork.

The visit has been supported by a partnership of organisations including Net Zero Isle of Man, the Isle of Man Arts Council, Ørsted and St Thomas' Church who are hosting Gaia in their nave.

About the role

We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers who will care about the visitor experience.

During the exhibition of Gaia, with visitor numbers expected to be high at certain times, the role will include greeting visitors into the exhibition in a warm and friendly manner, ensuring visitors understand how to move safely around the space, and answering general enquiries. The volunteer will also monitor and control visitor numbers and photography in the venue.

When will we need you?

Luke Jerram's Gaia is open daily Monday to Saturday 10am – 4pm and Sundays 12pm – 4pm. It will also be opened for a number of evenings as well.

We are looking for volunteers to help us from Saturday 20th April – Sunday 12th May 2024.

You can choose your hours from: 10 am to 1 pm (daily) or 1 pm to 4 pm (daily) or shorter sessions if that is all you can manage. Or volunteer for the evening events. It will be a wonderful opportunity to be involved in a unique event.

We are planning to use a free ticketing process with 45-minute sessions to manage visitors and spread the visitors through the day. Evening events will have an entry fee. There will be some days dedicated to schools when the schools will provide their own volunteers. This will be during the week of 29th April -3rd May.

Why volunteer with us?

Be the first to see Gaia and have the opportunity to work in an innovative and unique contemporary art exhibition while learning more about the fascinating history and heritage of St Thomas' Church.

We plan to host an induction session on Friday 19th April where we will advise you further on the admission processes, safety and risk assessments and we are hoping to have a special event for stewards right at the start of the program of events. Please do get involved if you are able!

Interested - contact me at liz.hull@sodorandman.im or on 677711 to let me know your availability. For more information see www.netzero.im/gaia.