

Blogger

We are looking for well-informed and self-motivated writers to contribute regularly to The Wiener Library blog by writing articles about significant anniversaries, Library events, reviews of books/films or current issues relating to the Library.

What does the role entail?

- Regularly submitting articles (approx. 800-1000 words) to a pre-agreed deadline with the Volunteer Coordinator.
- Delving into the Wiener Library collection to draw light on lesser-known items.
- Using a range of sources to produce a relevant, well-reasoned and sensitive piece of writing.
- Support from staff members is available, and always encouraged.

What kind of topics can you write about?

The topic is generally free for you to decide, we welcome a range of themes, views and topics. Recent blog posts have included:

- Nazi Propaganda in Art - an examination of the stylistic tropes embraced by the Nazi Party
- Persecution of Rohingya Muslims in Myanmar - Is this Genocide? This blog highlighted the suffering of the Rohingya people and questioned whether an official definition of 'genocide' is necessary before other countries act.
- Film Review: Denial - review of recent film release tackling subject of Holocaust denial.
- Why has Auschwitz Become a Synonym for the Holocaust? This blog questioned why in the public consciousness Auschwitz is notorious above all other camp.

Generally, we find that blog posts gain more traction when they have a link to current events/news stories or coincide with specific days or months (e.g. Genocide Awareness Month or International Museums Day) although ultimately the topic is up to you.

Upon becoming a Volunteer Blogger, you will receive monthly updates from the Volunteer Coordinator containing suggestions and ideas of potential blog topics.

What skills and experience will you gain?

- Knowledge of the Library's work, collection, events and current issues surrounding the subject area
- Ability to work to a deadline
- Research, writing and proof reading skills
- Attention to detail
- Organising your time effectively
- Publicity: if you wish we will credit your work to your Twitter when publishing on social media

All Volunteer Bloggers will attend an induction at the Library to learn about its history and our current work. Although this role can be completely remotely, Bloggers are encouraged to make use of the Reading Room and therefore will be made familiar with resources during the induction session. All articles will be proof read by a staff member before they are published online.

Travel expenses from London travel zones 1-3 will be reimbursed.

Please email sidebotham@wienerlibrary.co.uk with a CV and a short covering letter briefly explaining your interest in the role and your skills and experience