Make the Most of Your

PPD



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What I hoped to get out of PPD...

- Networking
- Experience
- Learn something new
- Help somebody

Some other PPD ideas...

- A group exhibition
- Community art classes
- A degree-show fundraising project
- Working for an artist
- Artist residency
- Volunteering

What I did...

I worked for a local gallery as a

Curatorial Assistant



Why Construction Gallery...

- I would meet a lot of new people Networking
- A chance to work with arts professionals in an arts organisation
 - Experience
- A chance to learn more about curating Learn something new
- A chance to use past experience and skills Help somebody



What is Construction Gallery...



a gallery a café a shop...

a community centre



More about Construction Gallery...

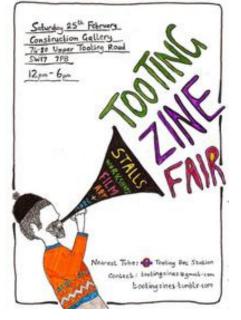














What does a Curatorial Assistant do?

Assist the curator(s), such as:

- Admin tasks
- Social media
- Set-up/take-down

As well as:

- Invigilating and meet-and-greet
- Hosting events
- A personal project of my own



Personal project (1-day residency)

Collaboration
 with author,
 Laura Boudreau

• The concept:

If I could sav w

If I could say what it meant...

Lessons Learned





What I got out of PPD...

- Met lots of people
 Networking
- 1st job in an arts organisation
 Experience
- Learned lots about curating Learn something new
- Helped people be successful Help people

And I got to do my own project, too!



What would I do differently?

- A different personal project?
- Join more additional events
- Try to meet more people

What would I do the same?

- Always get stuck in
- Challenge yourself
- Know my role



Other stuff to consider in your PPD...

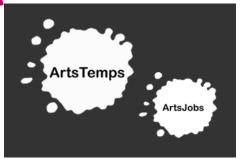
- Use your opportunities
- Do your research
- Internships are not for life
- Be open
- Volunteer
- Do what needs doing
- Keep your CV current
- Ask for references

You never know where the next opportunity lies!





Paid temp work...





...even working in a gallery



Any questions?



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Thank you!

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p.s., other useful bits...

- www.ympl.com FREE online software tool to make HTML email bulletins
- www.google.com Google docs FREE online tool to create and share info such as letters, draft documents and spreadsheets with the team
- www.bitly.com (and other similar) FREE online tool for marketing, makes trackable QR codes
- www.wordpress.com can make free websites/ blogs about your exhibition or project