

Edith Cavell and other Past Lives

From 1857 to 1928, the museum building was Peterborough Infirmary, the first hospital in the city.

Imagine it is over 100 years ago. Instead of coming to Peterborough Museum, you have come to Peterborough Infirmary as trainee nurses! During the day the significance of this building and the pioneering work of the staff and others will be brought to life as pupils meet characters from the past and work in original spaces. Will your class pass their first day of training and receive a certificate?

Learning Objectives

- To learn about the lives of significant individuals in the past who have contributed to national and international medical practice achievements
- To learn about a significant historical site in their own locality.
- To show an understanding of aspects of Victorian/Edwardian life and be able to compare with life today, and identify similarities and differences

Activity 1: The Operating Theatre

Matron Cavell is visiting us to see how we train our new nurses! Help to get the operating theatre ready for the doctor as you find out more about Edith Cavell and the changes in the nursing profession over time

Activity 2: The Hospital Kitchen

Meet the cook, Eve Hall and use original objects as you help with the chores that went into running Peterborough Infirmary.

Links to National Curriculum

- Lives of significant individuals
- Significant places in their locality
- Similarities and differences between ways of life now and in the past

Activity 3: Edward's Home/Independent Visit

One of today's patients is a child and has a burn injury. Look at a Victorian kitchen similar to the patient's. What do you think happened to him and how could it be prevented from happening again?

Activity 4: Make a Nurse's Hat

To complete your training make a nurse's hat

Key Information:

Duration: Full day, 10am-2pm

Cost: £250 per class+VAT
Max Group Size: 35

Max no of classes: 3

Min Staff-Student Ratio: 1:10

Booking Process & Questions:

To discuss booking please

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We are always happy to adapt to your needs

When the activities and date are agreed, a booking form and risk assessment are emailed to you.

To confirm the visit we ask that you complete the booking form and email it back to us

Accessibility:

Access to the Operating Theatre is by stairs. It is not wheelchair accessible. Please contact us to discuss any access requirements

