



Halifax

Home Educator Day

Friday 29th Sept 2023



Information Pack

What is a Home Educator day?

These special days are a great opportunity for Home Educator families to visit the museum at a quieter time (we don't take any school bookings on this day) and to take part in additional activities aimed at those children who would be in Years 1 – 6 were they at school.

How much does it cost?

- Children aged 5 years + **£13**
- Children aged 3-4 years **£7**
- Children aged 1-2 years **£4**
- Children aged under 1 years **FREE**
- **One FREE adult** for every paying child aged 5-11yrs
- Additional adults **£7**

To book on to the Home Educator Day you must have at least one paying child aged 5 years or over.

What is included in the price?

- Full access to the museum galleries
- A mix of bookable and drop-in activities for children aged **5yrs+**
- 10% discount in the Gift Shop all day (only available on 29 Sept and to booked HE families)
- 10% discount off the Annual Pass. **NB: this must be purchased before 3pm on the day**

What isn't included?

- Car parking. We have a pay and display car park which is £3.60 for up to 4 hours or £6.90 for the day. Our car park machines now accept card payments so please purchase your ticket before entering the museum.
- Lunch. You are welcome to bring a packed lunch, or we do have a café on site serving a selection of snacks, meals and refreshments which is open from 10am – 3.45pm (serving hot food from 11am – 2.30pm)

I'm already an Annual Pass holder, can I use it on Home Educator day?

Yes! Existing Annual Pass holders receive discounted tickets to the event:

- Children aged 5 years + **£9**
- Children aged 3-4 years **FREE**
- Children aged 1-2 years **FREE**
- Children aged under 1 years **FREE**
- Adults **FREE**

To receive this discount, you must book in advance as it cannot be redeemed on the day. You will need your member number to hand when booking. Only those visiting who hold a valid annual pass are entitled to the above discount.

I'm not already an Annual Pass holder, can I get one?

You can purchase an Annual Pass on the Home Educator Day. There will be a special offer available of a 10% discount (**available until 3pm**).

Children aged 1 – 2	£6.95	£6.25
Children aged 3 and over and adults	£15.95	£14.35

What age range is it suitable for?

As this special day is for Home Educator families the main target age group is children of primary school age (5-11yrs) and the additional activities available on the day will be designed for this age group.

Children aged 3 years and over will still get lots out of the museum galleries and we do have two galleries which are just for the under 5s.

If you have children of varying ages then, if possible, we suggest that at least two adults attend the day so that very young children don't have to attend a session which isn't suitable for their age range. You can bring one free adult with every paying child aged 5-11yrs and additional adults are £7 each.

Will the museum be open to non-Home Educator families too?

Yes, but we are limiting the number of general public tickets available on this day, and we don't take any school or group bookings.

We'd love to make our Home Educator days completely exclusive events but as an educational charity that relies solely on visitor income, we wouldn't be able to do this and offer discounted tickets for Home Ed families at the same time.

Do we get a guided tour as part of the visit?

Our team of Enablers are placed in key areas around the museum to help support families with playful learning, but we don't offer guided tours. We encourage children to take the lead and discover for themselves. Some will play and explore in one area for hours while others will quickly move from one place to another.

Can I bring my younger children?

Whilst areas of the museum are suitable for under 5s, please note that the Home Educator Day does not include sessions specifically for very young children and in order to be eligible to make a booking on this special event, **you must have at least one child aged 5yrs in your party.**

If you plan to visit with children of various ages then, if possible, we suggest you bring an additional adult to help supervise. You are responsible for the supervision and conduct of your children **at all times**. It is important that children are **never** left unattended or allowed to wander around the building alone.

Children will not be permitted into workshops or other activities if they are not supervised by an adult.

How do we book?

All bookings should be made online via Bookwhen: [Eureka! Home Educator Day](#)

We are unable to take bookings over the phone.

Payment must be made at the time of booking and if you are an existing Annual Pass holder, you'll need to quote the email address linked to your pass & we'll check it's still valid.

Bookings will close at **4pm** on Wednesday 27th Sept 2023 (or earlier if capacity is reached)

If you have any queries regarding booking tickets please email bookings@eureka.org.uk

Cancellation policy

If you cancel within **1 week** of the Home Educator day, Eureka! will charge **50%** of the total cost of your visit.

No refunds will be given if you cancel on the day of the event or simply don't show up.

Cancellations must be sent in writing via email.

How do we get there?

Directions to Eureka! in Halifax can be found at [Plan your visit - Eureka! The National Children's Museum](#). but we are clearly signposted from both Junction 24 and 26 of the M62 and there is a pay & display car park.

We are also right next door to Halifax Railway Station with regular services from Leeds and Manchester, and just a 5min walk from Halifax Bus Station.

Should we bring lunch?

There are a number of picnic areas available both inside and outside the museum should you wish to bring a packed lunch. We also have a café on site serving a selection of snacks, meals and refreshments which will be open from 10am – 3.45pm (serving hot food between 11am – 2.30pm).

What time should we arrive?

The museum will be open **10am – 4pm** and you are welcome to arrive at any time.

If you have booked a session then you should aim to arrive at least 15mins before your chosen session time. If you are late for your chosen session slot we cannot guarantee that we will be able to fit you into a later session.

There will be a Registration desk in the entrance foyer where staff will be ready to meet you and provide you with a schedule of the day's activities.

Will there be somewhere to store our things?

Coats can be left in the cloakroom in the SoundSpace gallery. Unfortunately, we're no longer able to provide lockers for large items. **Please note:** All items are left at owner's risk, therefore, please keep any valuables with you.

Do you cater for families with disabled children?

Eureka! is very proud to be an accessible venue and to provide facilities and services for our disabled visitors to assist and support you during your visit. For example visitors with autism and other conditions, who may be hyper sensitive to sensory input, might want to visit our online [Sensory guide](#) - a practical tool for parents and children to read before visiting to familiarise themselves with what a visit to us may entail.

We also have a Chill Out Room which can be used during your visit if you need a quiet space to calm and relax your child - just ask a member of staff on the day if you need to use this room. You can find out more about our Access All Areas programme from our website: [Access information](#)

Activities available – Friday 29th September 2023

As well as the activities outlined below, there are 4 large galleries for you to explore (plus 2 galleries just for the under 5s) with tons of hands-on exhibits. Visit our [website](#)

Explore the theme of **nature** this September with the following activities:

Bookable science show - choose a show slot at the time of booking

Nature's Superpowers!

Times: 35min sessions at 10.30am, 11.15am, 12pm, 1.30pm, 2.15pm, 3pm

Age range: 5yrs and over

Join us as we dive into the captivating world of Nature's Superpowers. In this exciting show we'll explore the incredible links between your favourite superhero powers and the wonders of the natural world. It's time to unlock the extraordinary in the ordinary because in the natural world, superpowers are not just the stuff of legend: they're all around us! Get ready to unlock your inner superhero too and be inspired to explore, learn and protect our incredible planet!

Special guest workshop:

The World of Honeybees

Our friends from Springfield Park Bees will be running 45min long workshops where families can learn more about honeybees and other pollinators. We'll be looking at full frames of capped honey. This is a special process the bees work on to make the honey ready for them and for us to eat. We'll also be trying on bee suits and gloves/gauntlets to show how a beekeeper dresses, and we'll be trying some fresh extracted honey.

Suitable for children 5yrs+, this workshop has limited availability will be and bookable on the day on a first-come, first-served basis.

Workshop times: 10.30am, 11.45am, 1.30pm, 2.45pm

Drop-in sessions:

Eureka! Explorers

Times: *Various pop-ups throughout the day*

Age range: *All ages*

Watch out for the Eureka! Explorers who have a variety of artefacts from the natural world for you to touch, hold and learn about.