

# Museums & Heritage Arts Award

## Discover

### Museum info form

## Valence House Museum

### Location

Becontree Avenue, Dagenham, RM8 3HT

### Website

<https://www.lbbd.gov.uk/residents/leisure-libraries-and-museums/valence-house/>

<http://valencehousecollections.co.uk/>

### Art forms

- Painting
- Ceramics
- Sculpture
- Textiles
- Curation
- Interpretation

### Museum info

Valence House Museum is the local history museum and archive centre for the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham. The museum was formed in 1938 within the Medieval Valence House, the oldest surviving secular building in the area. The collection contains archaeological remains, portraits, fine art and craft, textile and modern mass produced items. The museum grounds include formal and informal grounds and an orchard and the remnants of the Medieval moat.

## Arts Award Discover Programme

### Name and theme of programme

*Local History*

### Duration/timings

Full day (9:45am to 2:15pm)

Half day (9:45am to 12pm)

### Cost

Museum may be able to cover visit or transport costs, please enquire

### Programme outline

The museum was originally a domestic house and most of the galleries are small. As this is the case we tend to take no more than 20 children into the museum at any one time.

### Activities

- Meet the curator
- Learning about the portraits and symbols within them
- Dressing up as members of the family and drawing each other's portraits

### Objects to look out for

Portraits of:

- Thomas Fanshawe, Remembrancer of the Exchequer, by Marcus Gheeraerts the Younger
- Sir Richard Fanshawe, poet, diplomatic, soldier, (1608-1666) by William Dobson
- Anne Fanshawe (1607-1628) by Marcus Gheeraerts the Younger. This is a pregnancy portrait.

### Object maker information

All portraits and other oil paintings within the museum collection are available on [Artuk.org](http://Artuk.org).

Listings include brief biographical information on artists.