

Chester Beatty Library Volunteering Programme



Volunteer Programme



- Programme est. in 2000, works through the Education Programme
- Various voluntary positions available, including: Tour Guides, Visitor Service Representatives, Retail, Membership & Conservation Assistants

Chester Beatty Library Mission Statement

- *To maintain and preserve the collections of the Library and make them available in the most appropriate ways for the use and enjoyment of the public in order to promote a wider appreciation and understanding of the international cultural heritage embodied in the collections and foster relations between Ireland and the peoples whose cultures are represented in the collections.*
- *We seek to involve volunteers in our mission to ensure that the goals of the library are met, to provide assistance in bringing the services of the library to the general public and to enhance our contact with the local community we serve.*

Community Ambassadors Programme 2010

- Inspired by the Community Ambassadors Programme in Art Gallery of New South Wales, Australia
- Guided tours for members of local multi-ethnic communities and other visitors who are not fluent in English
- Chinese, Japanese, Polish and German

Gospel Books □□□



St Mark, from Gospel Book, Greece, c. 1100

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Map for ID and Community Ambassadors – the past and the future

- Inspiration from ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) – interest in language and it's influence on intercultural dialogue
- Plans to share the programme online – we plan to consult how to create a module for learners of English and other languages online with Fastrack to IT.