

Volunteer Project 71, Public Programmes & Tour Guide

Role	Public Programmes & Tour Guide Volunteer
Purpose	> Provide a welcoming environment and rewarding learning experience to museum visitors through guided tours and customer support at talks, events and workshops for adults
	> Help visitors gain a deeper level of understanding about the themes and issues explored in the Museum's galleries and public programmes
	> To offer volunteers a unique opportunity to play a key role while gaining experience working with a national museum collection of historic importance
Responsible to	Designated Volunteers Supervisor
Times/Dates	Minimum commitment: twice per month
	Group Tours : Weekdays & Weekends within museum opening times and, occasionally, at evening events
	All group tours are pre-booked in advance, and as much notice as possible is given to the team.
	Volunteers must attend a guide training programme over the course of two days to prepare them for the role as well as training on an ad hoc basis as required.
	We also suggest that volunteers make every effort to attend all monthly volunteer meetings in order to share information, keep their knowledge up-to-date and benefit from the training provided.
	Public Programmes for Adults: Ad hoc Evenings and Weekends, and Fridays 10.30am to 13.00pm
	Starting June 2019

Location	National Army Museum, Chelsea, London
Tasks	> Deliver a 45-minute highlights tour to the Museum's visitors.
	> Deliver a 45-minute tour to army group tours.
	> Opportunity to learn and deliver other themed tours around the Museum as part of day and evening museum events
	> Opportunity to support the running of object handling sessions as part of day and evening museum events
	> Opportunity to research a relevant topic of interest and contribute to the development of future tours
	> Welcome, check tickets, count visitors as they arrive to talks and events and record numbers
	> Deal effectively with latecomers and other audience related enquiries, watching over and assisting the smooth running of events, talks and/or workshops
	> Direct customers to facilities and provide extra information about the Museum's collections and activities to visitors
	> Have a good knowledge of the forthcoming programme and keep informed about operational changes and changes in museum exhibits
	> Distribute flyers and collect evaluation as required
	> Complete light lifting and manual tasks if you are willing and able to do so
Skills	Would suit someone who:
	> Is reliable, punctual and diligent
	> Is friendly and approachable
	> Has a good standard of spoken English
	> Has good communication skills
	> Is willing to learn and be part of a team

	> Understands good customer service
	> Has an interest in and/or knowledge of military history and is enthusiastic in promoting the work of the museum
	> Has research experience
	> Able to work both independently and as part of a team
	> Able to speak comfortably before groups of people, receiving and answering questions
	>Dealing skilfully with a variety of visitors under a variety of circumstances
	> Able to adapt skills and knowledge to suit different learning audiences
	> Recognizes and supports the access needs of all visitors
	> Has a commitment to equal opportunities
	> Has a flexible approach to volunteering daytimes, evenings, weekends and Bank Holidays
	> Is willing to participate in volunteer meetings and is available for pre-booked group tours during the week, weekends or, occasionally, evenings
Support and Training	> Full in-house training will be provided that is specific to the role, which will include volunteer and site induction; Health and Safety; Equality & Diversity; Visitor Experience, Communication, Object Handling; Basic Conservation; Material Identification; and specific Computer Applications, as required.
	> Expenses: reasonable out of pocket lunch and travel expenses to and from place of work
	> Volunteers' Handbook with helpful information
	> Monthly team meetings and regular feedback meetings with designated supervisor
	> On-going training related to the role
Other key	> Minimum twice per month, Weekdays & Weekends

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	> Hours/days of volunteering are flexible and will be discussed at interview
	> Please expect to attend updates/training sessions as offered
Benefits	> Becoming part of a friendly and dedicated team
	> Opportunity to contribute to developing the Museum's tours
	> Gain practical experience interacting with the Museum's diverse audiences
	> Gain transferable skills to guide and/or steward at alternative venues and sites
	> Opportunities to explore other volunteering opportunities within the Museum as they arise
	> Complimentary tickets to some Museum events and activities and regular updates on organizational activities
	> Enjoy volunteer discounts at the museum's café and shop.
Interested?	> The opportunity is open to everyone aged 18 and over
Closing Date	12.00pm (Noon) on Friday 31st May 2019.
For an Application Form	http://www.nam.ac.uk/volunteer