

Role Description

Engagement Volunteer - Roman Silchester Consultation

Why are we doing this?

Reading Museum is exploring ways to refresh and redisplay items in the Silchester gallery as part of a funding application.

Some of our initial ideas for the gallery are:

- To showcase the star finds from excavations over the past 100 years using the Silchester collection held at Reading Museum
- To help visitors to better understand life and culture in Roman Britain in the light of current research and discoveries
- To explain where Silchester is in relation to Reading and its surroundings
- To make the gallery accessible to all generations and encourage participation and engagement such as interactive displays
- To link the displays to support the current national school curriculum



Why we want you

We would like you to help us run consultations with our visitors to find out what they think about the current gallery and what they would like to see in the potential new gallery.

This role will suit you if you are:

- A people person
- Able to work as part of a team
- Enthusiastic, outgoing and polite
- Willing to engage with members of the public
- Self-motivated and pro-active
- Have good communication skills
- Have some experience in a customer-facing role

What will you be doing?

There are two ways to get involved:

Silchester Open Day on Saturday 6 July At the Roman Silchester archaeology site, Hampshire

Note: Transport is not provided, so you will need to make your own arrangements for getting to the dig site.

Roman Fun Day on Thursday 25 July At Reading Museum

Tasks will include:

- Asking visitors if they have ever visited Reading Museum's Silchester Gallery and helping them complete a questionnaire either on paper or on an iPad.
- Showing people a 3D computer model of an object
- Explain and help visitors handle real and replica objects
- Help people a 'Make and Take' craft activity

What will you get out of it?

- Meet new people
- Learn more about what visitors like and dislike
- Put recommendations forward for the new gallery
- Learn about Roman objects
- See the current archaeology dig at Silchester

How much time will you need to give?

Each event will run from 10am to 3pm (morning and/or afternoon sessions). Volunteers are welcome to do all day or help in the morning or afternoon.

To apply

Read through our volunteer policy (found under 'Get Involved' at www.readingmuseum.org.uk) and complete the volunteer registration form.

Email your form to curator@readingmuseum.org.uk. If we think you are suitable for this role, we will invite you to Reading Museum for a brief chat.