

Museum on Wheels Volunteer

Why we want you

As part of the Reading Abbey Revealed Heritage Lottery Fund and council project, we are looking for volunteers to help support staff with our 'Museum on Wheels' outreach programme throughout 2019.

Our Museum on Wheels volunteers are our 'extra pair of hands' at our informal outreach learning activities we run over the school holidays and weekends.

You will be helping us at different community events around Reading, sharing Reading's history and our fantastic programme of exhibitions and activities.

What you will be doing

Our Museum on Wheels volunteers will be asked to help with a range of tasks including:

- Helping staff support families with arts and crafts activities
- Setting up stands at events (some heavy lifting may be required)
- Being an ambassador for the Reading Abbey project - providing updates on the project and sharing information about the Abbey Quarter's history
- Sharing our passion for history through object handling with the public
- Being an ambassador for Reading Museum - greeting and directing visitors as required
- Monitoring resources and equipment used in the Museum on Wheels set-up



This role will suit you if you are:

- A people person
- Sociable, confident and enthusiastic
- Proactive, flexible and willing to help with a wide range of activities
- Able to work at various venues across Reading
- Happy to work outdoors
- Willing to help with setting up event stands
- Able to work independently and as part of a team

- Available on some Saturdays and weekdays
- Interested in Reading's history
- Experienced in customer service

What you will get out of it:

- Become part of a friendly team and make new friends
- Learn about the museum's informal learning programme
- Learn interesting facts about the Reading Abbey Quarter
- Hands-on events experience
- Develop your communications and customer service skills

How much time it will take up

We would like to build a pool of volunteers who will help our Museum on Wheels team on visits to us to visit to various community events within Reading. There may be additional visits arranged through the year.

We ask that you are able to spend at least three hours with the Museum on Wheels Stall. This time will include setting up the gazebo, stall and craft activity and packing away.

The events we plan to attend are:

21/02/2019	All day	Whitley Library, Northumberland Ave, Reading
27/02/2019	11.30am	Weller Centre, Amersham Rd, Reading
08/03/2018	2pm - 4pm	Friday Friends, St. Catherine's Hall, Tilehurst
20/03/2019	12.30pm - 2pm	PACT (Parents & Children Together), Reading
09/04/2019	2.30pm - 3.15pm	Globe Luncheon Club, Reading, RG3 01E
25/04/2019	10am - 12.30pm	Age UK, The Hexagon, Reading
15/05/2019	1pm - 2pm	Whitley Wood Community Centre
23/06/2019	12pm - 6pm	East Reading Festival, Palmer Park, Earley
05/07/2019	1.30pm - 3.15pm	Woodley Retirement Club, Woodley

What training and support we provide

Reading Museum prides itself on being awarded the Investing in Volunteers accreditation as part of the Museum Partnership Reading in 2019. We will provide full training and ongoing support to all volunteers to help them do well in this role.

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.