

Volunteering at the Museum of Richmond: WWII Workshop Volunteer



The Museum of Richmond tells the story of Richmond from prehistory, through its rise in prominence as a royal residence in the medieval period to its modern status as a centre of the arts and fashion. We care for and give access to the rich history of Richmond through our permanent displays, temporary exhibitions, learning workshops and events programme.

Why does the Museum of Richmond need your support?

We need friendly and enthusiastic volunteers to share their experiences of what it was like growing up during, or just after WWII with visiting school children. The idea is that children are so often told what it was like for adults during the war, it would be great for them to be able to talk to people who can tell them what it was like for children during the War.

What will you be doing?

During the workshop, small groups of up to 10 children will spend about 20 minutes with you, asking you questions about what it was like growing up during, or just after WWII. There will be a member of staff from the school with you at all times. This will be repeated a further two times, so you will work with 3 groups of children in total. Whilst you are chatting with the children, the other groups will be handling wartime objects with our Learning Officer or looking at Museum displays, photographs and records from the War.

You will need to:

- Engage with visitors of all ages and backgrounds, whilst sharing your experiences
- Be physically fit. The Museum is based on the Second Floor of the Old Town Hall and whilst there is lift access, we cannot guarantee it will always be in working order so volunteers will need to be able to climb the stairs from street level to the second floor

What qualities, skills and experience do you need?

- A friendly, enthusiastic and approachable manner.
- Confidence to engage and communicate with people of all ages, backgrounds and nationalities.
- A willingness to share your experiences from your childhood during, or just after WWII

How much time will you be expected to give and when?

- It can vary a lot, as it depends on when schools book our WWII workshop
- When a booking is made, Vicky, our Learning Officer, will contact you to see if you are free and can help.

What can you expect from us?

- To be treated fairly and with respect.
- To be recognised and appreciated for your contributions.
- To have an enjoyable experience in a fascinating environment.
- To be provided with training including familiarisation with the site and staff, Health and Safety, and the Museum's displays and temporary exhibitions.
- Opportunities to meet and socialise with other Museum volunteers
- As we are a small charity, we are unable to reimburse travel expenses.

What will we expect from you?

- To be the friendly face of the Museum of Richmond
- To enhance school children's experience of visiting the Museum during the workshop
- To attend induction and training sessions.
- To understand and follow our security, safety and evacuation procedures.
- To maintain positive working relationships with staff, other volunteers and members of the public.
- To be reliable in attendance

If you are interested in volunteering at the Museum of Richmond, or have any further queries regarding this role, please contact the Museum by emailing info@museumofrichmond.com or by calling 020 8332 1141

To apply for this role, please complete our Volunteer Expression of Interest form which can be found at: <https://www.museumofrichmond.com/get-involved/volunteering/>

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