

Volunteering Opportunity:

Learning Assistant: Formal Learning

Our award-winning formal learning programme offer school groups an unforgettable experience in the Museum's inspirational galleries. Our curriculum workshops offer fun, interactive and inspiring learning experiences for Early Years, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 pupils. Teaching and learning styles include object handling, storytelling and role-play challenges covering a range of topics.

The volunteer role:

The Learning Assistant volunteer helps us to deliver our workshops to school groups visiting the Museum. Our team consists of people from a variety of backgrounds and experience, from ex-teachers to recent graduates. We are enthusiastic and passionate about delivering an exciting mix of hands-on learning activities for Cornish schools and other education groups. In return for your time we will provide training and an opportunity to use existing skills or develop new ones.



Key tasks:

Each workshop varies in terms of length of time and range of activities. However, all workshops involve the same key tasks:

- Meet and greet school groups on arrival
- Assist with the setting up and/or packing away of items and equipment before and after school visits
- Support and/or co-deliver hands-on learning activities for groups, ensuring the activities are lively and engaging for pupils
- Adapt style and method of delivery according to the age and learning abilities of the school group, training will be provided
- Represent the Museum to school groups and ensure that they receive a high standard of customer care at all times
- Take an active role in the evaluation of the Museum's formal learning programme, reporting feedback, suggestions and improvements

This role would suit people who:

- Have good communication skills, friendly, enthusiastic and welcoming
- Are keen to learn and gain experience from working with children in a formal learning/heritage setting
- Can present information in a lively and engaging style
- Have excellent interpersonal skills
- Enjoy working as a team
- Are reliable with good timekeeping
- Are willing and enthusiastic to help us deliver exciting learning activities
- Can take part in regular team meeting and training sessions with the Learning team

What's in it for you?

- Gain valuable experience to enhance your CV, job applications and/or PGCE applications
- The opportunity to develop your communication skills and gain confidence working with children delivering formal education workshops
- Experience of working with schools groups
- Experience in the development of new workshops
- Experience of working as part of a team
- The opportunity to provide inspirational and unforgettable learning experiences for school groups visiting the Museum
- Meet people from all walks of life and make new friends

Hours and commitment:

Commitment:	Ideally to support two/three school visits per month on an ongoing basis, more if able
Day:	During the week in school term time
Time:	Normally between 9.45am-2.15pm (school hours)

Supervision and support:

All volunteers will be expected to undertake general induction training, which lasts a morning. New volunteers will spend time observing our school workshops and be given the opportunity to shadow members of the Learning team, who will also provide guidance and support. Feedback and ongoing observation from the Learning team will be provided on a regular basis for continuing development of our delivery and workshop content.

Direct supervision and support will be provided by Seth Hall, Formal Learning and Public Engagement Officer, with overall responsibility being provided by Stuart Slade, Head of Public Programming.

Application process:

If you are interested in this volunteer opportunity, please complete a volunteer registration form, which can be downloaded from our website and send it by email to lindafrust@nmmc.co.uk or contact Linda Frost, Human Resources Manager, on 01326 214559 to request a registration form or further information.