

# VOLUNTEERING AT TRIMONTIUM

## WHO CAN VOLUNTEER?



Anyone can volunteer with us. We accept volunteers from school age upwards. If you are under 14 years, we may need you to be accompanied by an adult when volunteering. Our youngest volunteer is aged 6 and our oldest is very old indeed! You don't need to know a lot about Romans or history – you can always learn that with us. We just need you to have a friendly positive attitude and a willingness to learn.



## WHAT CAN VOLUNTEERS DO?



There are all different types of volunteering. Have a look at the list of volunteer roles we offer- although new activities become available all the time. From working in the museum to creating social media posts; from organising our archive to walking the fort site; from making and maintaining costumes to dressing up as Romans – we have activities for everyone.

Museum volunteering is the most regular activity available, and most volunteers participate in multiple activities, depending on their interests and availability. Full training will be given for all roles.

## VOLUNTEER ROLES

- **Museum Volunteer:** Front of house, welcoming visitors, answering questions
- **Walk volunteer:** Leading walks of the Fort Site, answering questions
- **Event Volunteer:** Dress-up in costume to interact with visitors & promote the museum.
- **Education team Volunteer:** Assist with school groups & lead sessions
- **Archaeology Volunteer:** There are a number of different options such as-
  - *Helping to clean & catalogue finds*
  - *Fieldwalking & metal detecting under the guidance of our archaeology team*
  - *Taking part in scheduled digs throughout the year*
- **Digital Collections/Cataloguing Volunteer\*:** Helping to build our online archive by creating entries, taking photographs, scanning etc
- **Social Media Volunteer\*:** Writing & scheduling social media posts over all our platforms

\* These roles can be done remotely or in person so you don't have to live nearby.

## WHEN DO VOLUNTEERS HELP?

We run volunteer activities almost every day of the year- with a wee break at Christmas & New Year! Museum volunteering offers the most regular and flexible opportunities. Archiving and archaeological activities are more ad hoc but we run them as regularly as possible. We also have activities that can be done in the comfort of your own home.

There is no minimum number of days you can volunteer, nor a maximum. Your commitment is in your control and can vary depending on your own circumstances and availability.



## WHERE DOES VOLUNTEERING TAKE PLACE?



The majority of our activities take place in Melrose, either based at our fully accessible museum or Abbey House, our collections base. Sometimes our volunteers travel further afield, especially for archaeology projects.

We offer home-based online volunteering for our digital archiving and social media activities.

## WHY VOLUNTEER AT TRIMONTIUM?

Everyone has their own reasons for volunteering and wants something different from the experience. Here are just some of the reasons:

- To meet people, socialise and get out of the house
- To get some work experience to improve skills
- To increase confidence
- To learn about local history
- To learn new skills or rediscover old skills
- To improve chances of securing employment in heritage and museum industry
- To have fun

If you are aged 12-25, Trimontium can certificate your volunteering through the Saltire Awards Scheme. We also provide work experience placements for school age children and young adults during the summer holidays, and as part of school work experience programmes.

Whatever your reasons for volunteering, Trimontium provides a positive and safe environment to allow volunteers to flourish.

## HOW DO I SIGN UP?

Get in touch via email to express your interest in volunteering, if possible letting us know what activities you'd like to try.

Then, we'll arrange a short chat- either in person or online – with either the Volunteer Manager or one of our cataloguing/ archaeology staff, whichever is most relevant to your interests. This helps us determine your interests, discuss possible activities and allows you to ask questions.

If you have particular support needs, we can also chat about how best to help you to get the most out of volunteering.

There is a short registration form to fill in – which we can help with, if required. There will be training for whatever activities you choose to do, but this will be arranged with you directly.

You will be added to the volunteer mailing list and will receive updates about forthcoming activities and opportunities. It's up to you to sign up for sessions, or give dates for the museum rota, according to your availability, although we would urge you sign up for opportunities promptly as sometimes spaces are limited.

As a volunteer, you'll also receive links to join the monthly talks, either online or in-person.

What are you waiting for? *Audentes Fortuna iuvat!! (Fortune favours the bold!)*



TO START YOUR VOLUNTEERING JOURNEY WITH US, EMAIL

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