



Learning Volunteer

Our Learning Volunteers support the Learning Officer with the delivery of school sessions at Ely Museum. They are essential facilitators to help the children learn and enjoy their school trip. Topics covered include Fossils, Prehistory, Romans, Anglo-Saxons, Littleport Riots, Fenland, World War II and Toys in the Past.

What would you be doing?

Engaging children with historical subjects and demonstrating handling and replica objects.

Help set up for and clear up after the school visits.

Assisting with supervising groups of children engaged in an activity.

We are especially keen for volunteers who are keen to dress up and act as a character.

We would like volunteers who have an interest in and are happy to talk about archaeology, especially, but not limited to, Prehistory, Romans and Anglo-Saxons.

Some volunteers also attend outreach sessions taking place in schools.

What opportunities would you gain?

Develop your skills and experience within a heritage organisation

Get experience and confidence working with children and other adults

Relevant experience for your CV if interested in education or museum work

Join a fun and enthusiastic team to share our interest in local heritage

Meet new people within the local community

Free entry to Ely Museum

10% off in the museum shop

What will the museum expect of me?

To be friendly and confident and good with children

To have good team work and social skills

To be polite, punctual and reliable

To be willing to learn the information needed for the school sessions

What can I expect from the museum?

All volunteers receive a general induction to the museum, its policies and procedures, and an introduction to the staff and their roles. You will receive specific training on the school sessions you volunteer to help deliver.

Learning Volunteers are responsible to the Learning Officer. Volunteers will be supported while they learn to be confident in their roles.

What is the time commitment?

This volunteer role is during the school terms, usually Monday, Wednesday or Friday but with no set day commitment needed as the sessions change. It is a flexible role, without regular hours, depending on the school sessions taking place. A school visit may be a half or a whole school-length day, up to 9.30am-2.30pm and include setting up and tidying up.

Where will this role be based?

Welcome Volunteers are based at Ely Museum at The Old Gaol on Market St in Ely.

Reasonable expenses will be reimbursed, if required.

About Ely Museum

Ely Museum is an award-winning independent local history museum based at Ely in East Cambridgeshire. It tells the story of the lives of the people who have lived in this area and the landscape in which they live. With displays covering topics from fossils and prehistory, to farming and the world wars, the bright and colourful galleries are family-friendly and welcoming.

How to apply

If you are interested in this role please fill in our Volunteer Expression of Interest Form. If you have any questions please speak to sara@elymuseum.org.uk or via 01353 666655