



Activity Volunteer

Volunteer Role Description

The Whitaker Museum & Art Gallery

What is an Activity Volunteer?

Activity volunteers at The Whitaker help to deliver exciting experiences that aim to inspire curiosity, creativity and imagination in every child, young person and their families who come through our doors. This may include school groups if this is an area of our programme you would like to be involved with. You will be part of small team creating spaces, making resources, supporting activities and helping with collecting session feedback

What's in it for you?

- The opportunity to gain experience delivering learning activities and working alongside children and young people
- Join an enthusiastic and varied volunteer team in a beautiful building with local and historic significance
- A sense of fulfillment knowing that you are helping to support a much loved part of Rossendale's history
- 20% discount in our shop and café, as well as our workshops and ticketed events!

What's involved?

- Preparing equipment, materials and resources for activities
- Creating suitable workspaces for table-top or floor based activities
- Giving a clear instruction when assisting with activities
- Producing before, during and after samples – if appropriate to the activity
- Demonstrating what is going to take place and offering support to individuals or the group when needed
- Supporting any session feedback and evaluation

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This role will suit people who...

- Wants to gain experience working in an educational environment
- Has excellent communication skills
- Patient and an outgoing personality
- Ability to work to a pre-established programme but can adapt it to suit a groups needs
- Works well in a team
- Enjoys working with children and young people, as well as adults
- Able to pass on knowledge or skills
- Willing to undergo a Disclosure and Barring check
- Willing and able to travel around The Whitaker to support learning activity delivery

Extra information

Time Commitment: ½ or full day per week

Volunteer Manager: Caroline Beardmore – Community Development & Volunteer Coordinator
– caroline@thewhitaker.org

Training for the role:

- Customer care
- Working with young people and learning groups
- Safeguarding and dementia friendly training

Expenses: Out-of-pocket travel costs between home and volunteering place will be paid up to a specified limit, and other reasonable expenses agreed in advance.

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About The Whitaker

The Whitaker is as much about the future as it is about the past. Building on an exploration of the past and the present, The Whitaker is a place for people to take part in the development of the community. It is a place for people to share their hopes and visions of a better future, and to work together to create the community they want to live in.

We are working to strengthen people's rights and entitlements in terms of cultural access, education and participation in the life of the community. We are concerned with the sustainability of communities, the environment, local industries and the economy. We draw on history and heritage, to help imagine, design and begin to create the Valley we want for people and nature.

The Whitaker has a growing friendly team of volunteers who are the heartbeat of all we do. The volunteers share our passion to provide a unique, quirky, space rich in heritage and culture. The contribution and dedication of our volunteers enables us to provide a sustainable museum that is freely available to everyone.

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