



## Maintenance Volunteer

### Volunteer Role Description

The Whitaker Museum & Art Gallery

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## What is a Maintenance Volunteer?

The Maintenance Volunteer team can be relied on to do just about anything! They are proactive, hardworking and committed to getting the job done. From general handiwork to installing new exhibitions, building cabinets and painting walls, our maintenance volunteers will never see the same day twice.

## What's in it for you?

- Helping to constantly develop and improve The Whitaker by ensuring that our presentation standards remain high
- 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?

- General maintenance repair work
- Minor decorating tasks including painting, hanging pictures, general touch-ups etc.
- Installing and taking down exhibitions
- Furniture assembly
- Moving large and heavy objects, based on the individual's ability
- Outdoor maintenance work
- Crafting items of furniture for the displays in the museum, depending on the volunteer's skillset

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## This role will suit people who...

- Have experience carrying out maintenance work or has an interest in developing this skill
- Have the ability to work without supervision, follow guidelines and instructions
- Enjoys the challenge of fixing problems and finding solutions
- Works well in a team
- Able to pass on knowledge or skills

## Extra information

**Time Commitment:** 1 or 2 Tuesdays per month

**Volunteer Manager:** Caroline Beardmore – Community Development & Volunteer Coordinator  
– [caroline@thewhitaker.org](mailto:caroline@thewhitaker.org)

### Training for the role:

- Manual handling
- Packaging and object handling
- Ladder training
- Health and safety
- 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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