

Volunteering Opportunity

Leeds Museums & Galleries 200th Birthday Volunteer Team

What is the Project?

- Leeds Museums and Galleries turns 200 years old in 2021 and we want to celebrate what our sites and collections mean to you!
- We're looking for enthusiastic and talented people who want to get involved. You might be a great researcher, fantastic at talking to people, you might want to be on our steering group to guide our celebrations, you might have a skill or knowledge that's new to us!
- This is an ideal opportunity for anyone interested in museums to celebrate a unique moment in our history and in the history of Leeds

What's in it for you?

- Gain experience through being involved in a museum environment.
- Utilise your own skills and talents through research at the museum and in archives around the city
- Become part of city-wide project celebrating our magnificent museum service
- Take part in a friendly team!
- Appropriate training will be given according to your interest – this might be in object handling, research skills, we hope to respond to you!
- Build confidence, meet people from all walks of life and make new friends.

What's involved?

There are lots of different ways you can be involved. Please tell us what you might be interested in:

- Being part of a 200th Birthday Steering Group
- Researching our collections
- Community outreach
- Helping our events programme
- Exhibition planning
- Museum documentation
- Getting involved in a city-wide arts project
- Bringing your existing skills in ... please let us know what they are! e.g. juggling, academic specialism, or something else
- Remote volunteering – this might be suitable for people not based in Leeds, but who might want to support digitally, through Wikipedia editing for example

If you'd like to find out more about the opportunity, please join us at Leeds City Museum on Saturday 26 October 11-2, we are launching a display of a pilot whale skeleton originally acquired for the Leeds Philosophical and Literary Society, so there will be a chance to find out more about the museum's history and how you might be able to volunteer!

If you'd like some help with writing down how you'd like to be involved, staff will be available on 1 November at Leeds City Museum from 2-4pm to help.

Our deadline for people to get involved is 10 November. We will then spend some time looking at the ways people would like to get involved and be in touch soon after.

We'd hope to have a first Steering Group meeting w/c 18 November and a research group meeting w/c 26 November.

The role will suit people who.....are enthusiastic and reliable. Ideally you will enjoy working as a team and be keen to learn and gain experience. You should have an interest in Leeds and its museums. You should possess good communication skills and be able to work both with and without supervision



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when required. All volunteers should be willing to abide by the Council's code of conduct. No qualifications are required as training where necessary will be given. Mostly we're looking for your passion and enthusiasm!

We welcome applications from all sections of the community.

We welcome applications from groups, as well as from individuals.

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults.

Location:	Leeds Museum Discovery Centre /Leeds City Museum
Time commitment:	Varies according to role
Day:	Varies according to role
Duration:	November 2019 to January 2022 is the project duration – you are welcome to be involved in just part of the time!
Expenses:	Out of pocket travel costs between home and your volunteering place will be paid up to the value of £6.00 per day.
Further info:	For further information contact Sarah Neville, Volunteer Coordinator on 0771 2215849 or volunteer@leeds.gov.uk
Closing date:	10 November
Intended start date:	w/c 25 November

If you are interested, please complete the application form our website <http://www.leeds.gov.uk/volunteer> and send it by email to: volunteer@leeds.gov.uk or contact Sarah Neville, Volunteer Coordinator on 0771 2215849



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