

Remote and In-person Volunteering Opportunity Natural Science Volunteer- 'Dead Inspiring' Project.

What is the project?

'Dead Inspiring' is a long-term project focused on inspiring and empowering young women and girls to pursue science, showcasing the scientific and educational value of natural science collections, and developing a women-in-science strategy for use throughout the museum sector.

We are looking for cohorts of volunteers to assist in the digitisation and curation of our entomology collection as well as to devise (and even deliver) engaging science communication programmes for schools and the community.

Volunteers will work closely with our natural science curators to develop the entomology collection and play a key role in using it to inspire a new generation of natural scientists.

This involves both in-person and remote duties, with specifics to be arranged with successful applicants.

What's in it for you?

Gain valuable experience in science communication and curation of natural science collections.

Help museum audiences engage with our collections in new ways through a variety of activities.

Learn practical curation and research skills through working closely with museum professionals and the collection itself.

Become a valuable member of a dedicated team.

Have your say! Guide certain aspects of the project as we explore the collection together, using your interests and experience to inspire new directions and ideas.

What's involved?

Digitisation of the entomology collection.

Transcribing of historical scientific data.

Research of specimen histories.

Condition assessments of natural science specimens.

Development of science communication resources.

Opportunities to contribute to temporary exhibition design.

Attending relevant training and inductions.

The role will suit you if you are ... enthusiastic, reliable and passionate about promoting a women-in-science agenda. You will need good research skills and an eye for detail. Ideally, you will enjoy working as a team and be keen to learn and gain experience. You should be able to work both with and without supervision when required. All volunteers should be willing to abide by the Council's code of conduct. A background or interest in natural science is helpful but no qualifications are required as training will be given.

We welcome applications from all sections of the community.

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

Location: Remote/Online & The Leeds Discovery Centre, Carlisle Road, Leeds LS10 1LB

Time commitment: 1-2 hours a week, initially. Any engagement events will be made known well in advance.

Day: Any days

Duration: Mid-November onwards

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 Milo Phillips, Assistant Curator of Entomology.

Closing dates: 8th November 2020

If you are interested, please click on the "Fill in an application" button or contact Karen Mackie, Volunteer Coordinator, on 07891271365.

If you already volunteer for us please send an email to: volunteer@leeds.gov.uk stating why you are interested.



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