

Remote or In-person Volunteering Opportunity

Kirkstall History Volunteers

What is the project?

Our Community Engagement Team works with local communities to gather and tell stories about Leeds. We are looking for volunteers to research life in Kirkstall now, and in the past.

The volunteer will work with the Assistant Community Curator at Kirkstall Abbey and Abbey House Museum to identify and research aspects of local history. The research will contribute to an exhibition (Kirkstall Lives) which will open in 2022, and there is also an opportunity to write blogs, social media posts and articles for Time to Shine magazine.

This opportunity offers in-person and remote volunteering, with specifics to be arranged with successful applicants.

What's in it for you?

Gain experience of researching local history for Leeds Museums and Galleries

Contribute to a museum exhibition and articles about Kirkstall

Learn new skills –training will be given in all aspects of the role

Use your local knowledge to inspire ideas.

Become part of a friendly team and meet people from all walks of life

What's involved?

Work with the Assistant Community Curator to identify areas to research

Contribute your own local knowledge

Undertake research using resources at museums, online and in archives around the city

Present your research in an agreed format

Attend monthly meetings.

The role will suit you if you have... an active interest in Kirkstall, and ideally have some experience of living or working in the local area. An enthusiasm for local history would help. You should be able to work with and without supervision and follow instructions regarding crediting source material. Be familiar with email communication. All volunteers should be willing to abide by the Council's code of conduct. No qualifications or experience is required as full 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 & Abbey House Museum, Abbey Road, Kirkstall, LS5 3EH

Time commitment: Flexible

Day: Independent research to fit your schedule. Meeting days will vary.

Duration: 6 months

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 Patrick Bourne Assistant Community Curator Patrick.bourne@leeds.gov.uk

Closing dates: Sunday 19th September 2021

If you are interested, please click on the "Fill in an application" button <https://museumsandgalleries.leeds.gov.uk/volunteer/>

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.

This link takes you to information on [How volunteering affects your benefits - overview - Citizens Advice](#)

Or type this address into your browser <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/benefits/benefits-introduction/how-volunteering-affects-your-benefits/>



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