

Outdoor Volunteering Opportunity – Events Stewards at Kirkstall Abbey Markets

What is the Activity?

From late March to the end of November outdoor crafts and produce markets are held at Kirkstall Abbey. These weekend events often require assistance from volunteers. We are building up a team of stewards who can be involved in these events on an ad-hoc basis. NB: You do not have to commit to volunteering at all markets.

Dates for 2022

Saturday 26th to Sunday 27 March 10am – 4pm
Saturday 30th April to Sunday 1st May 10am - 4pm
Saturday 28th to Sunday 29th May 10am - 4pm
Saturday 25 to Sunday 26 June 10am – 4pm
Saturday 30 July to Sunday 31 July 10am – 4pm
Saturday 27 to Sunday 28 August 10am – 4pm
Saturday 24 to Sunday 25 September 10am – 4pm
Saturday 29 to Sunday 30 October 10am – 4pm
Saturday 26 to Sunday 27 November 10am – 4pm

What's in it for you?

Gain the opportunity to be involved at a unique heritage site.

Become part of a friendly team helping outdoors.

Learn new skills and gaining experience – this may be around craft activities; dealing with the general public; conducting surveys etc

Potential to become involved with other projects and events.

Meet people from all walks of life and make new friends.

What's involved?

Attending relevant training and induction.

The role may include some or all of the following:

Assisting at the entrance and exit gates to control the flow of visitors in and out, using a clicker to monitor numbers and regular radio contact to ensure only allowed numbers are in the market at any one time.

Monitoring sanitiser stations to ensure they are stocked and cleaned at regular intervals.

Signposting visitors to the various attractions at the site.

Assisting staff with car parking

Assisting in providing information to visitors.

The role will suit people who.....are enthusiastic, reliable and trustworthy and have good spoken communication skills. Ideally you will enjoy being in a team and be keen to help members of the public. All volunteers should also be willing to abide by the Council's code of conduct. No qualifications are needed as training will be given.

We welcome applications from a range of backgrounds. If you are shortlisted, please tell us if you require any adjustments to be made to enable you to attend.

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

Please note that Kirkstall Abbey is a heritage site and some areas of the grounds are cobbled and/or uneven

Location: Kirkstall Abbey

Time commitment: Usually for a day at a time on an ad-hoc basis

Day: Weekends

Duration: For any of the Kirkstall Abbey Markets in 2022

Expenses: Out of pocket travel costs between home and your volunteering place will be paid up to the value of £6 per day (subject to conditions).

Further info: For further information on the role, contact Karen Mackie, Volunteer Coordinator on volunteer@leeds.gov.uk Tel:01133367840/ Mob: 07891271365

Closing date: Applications must be received by 28th February 2022

Induction Date: Applicants will be required to attend an induction session on 17th March 2022.

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

If you need any help filling in this form, please call 0113 3367840 and ask for the Volunteer and Skills Development Coordinator.

If you already volunteer for us please send an email to: volunteer@leeds.gov.uk stating what you hope to gain from the opportunity and tell us about any experience you have.

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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