

York Museums Trust

Summer Volunteering 2015

If you wish to volunteer over the summer (July-September) we would be able to offer you a visitor facing role at either the Yorkshire Museum or York Castle Museum.

Below is some information on the roles available:



at the Yorkshire

You will learn 1 activity at the start of the holiday period and then run this on gallery, working alongside other volunteers. Each activity typically works with a small collection of objects from our natural history or natural science collection and your role would be to demonstrate and interpret these objects, chatting to visitors about them and supervising how they handle them. The theme for this summer will be Vikings.

There are some essential criteria that you would have to meet: we run mandatory object handling and customer care training for our visitor facing volunteers and our last scheduled sessions before the summer holidays is **Thursday 9th July 10am-12pm**. You would need to be available to attend this date. In addition, we will be training for the individual activity week commencing **13th July** and again you would need to be available for these (individual dates are yet to be confirmed).



at the Castle

You would learn 2 activities at the start of the holiday period and would then run these on gallery, working alongside other volunteers. Each activity typically works with a small collection of objects from our social or military history collection and your role would be to demonstrate and interpret these objects, chatting to visitors about them and supervising how they handle them. The theme for this summer will be the Napoleonic Wars to run alongside our temporary exhibition.

There are some essential criteria that you would have to meet: we run mandatory object handling and customer care training for our visitor facing volunteers and our last scheduled sessions before the summer holidays are on **Tuesday 7th July at 2-4pm or Saturday 11th July at 10am-12pm**. You would need to be available to attend on one of these dates. In addition, we will be training for the individual activities week commencing **13th July** and again you would need to be available for these (individual dates are yet to be confirmed).

Castle Kitchen



You would learn 1 activity at the start of the holiday period and would then run this in the Kitchen, working alongside staff or other volunteers. The Kitchen is a fully functional space on gallery where we demonstrate traditional recipes based on examples from our collection. The theme for this summer will be Sweet Talk, making Victorian sweets.

There are some essential criteria that you would have to meet: we run mandatory customer care training for our visitor facing volunteers and our last scheduled sessions before the summer holidays are on **Tuesday 7th July at 2.45pm or Saturday 11th July at 10.45am**. You would need to be available to attend on one of these dates. In addition, we will be training for the individual activity week commencing **13th July** and again you would need to be available for these (individual dates are yet to be confirmed). You would also need to complete a level 2 food hygiene certificate, which is ran via an online training portal.

Important information

For all projects, we would require a minimum commitment of **four x 3 hour sessions per week** (10am-1pm or 1pm- 4pm) from the period **18th July – 6th September**. If you were interested in taking up this role, we would conduct an informal meeting with you prior to making you an offer. The purpose of this would be to chat with you a little more about the role and how this fits with what you are looking to achieve.

If you think that this role would be a suitable way for you to spend your summer, and if you consider that you will be able to meet all the criteria for training and time commitment, please complete an application form and email it to Amy Lang, Volunteers Coordinator, at amy.lang@ymt.org.uk before midday on **Monday 22nd June**. *Applications after this time will not be considered for summer volunteering.*