



Learning and Engagement Volunteer

Role description

Volunteer role: Learning and Engagement Facilitator

Improve the visitor experience at Scottish Fisheries Museum Trust by engaging our visitors in creative practices and helping to facilitate workshops and outreach activities based on the Museum's exhibition programme.

Location: The Scottish Fisheries Museum

Supervisor: Learning and Engagement Officer

About the museum:

Founded in the old fishing town of Anstruther, Fife, the Scottish Fisheries Museum Trust first opened on the 4th of July 1969. This area has long been associated with the fishing industry, and the Museum explores the history and heritage of the boats, the fish, and the folk. The Recognised Collections explain the development and variety of vessels and fishing methods used for different species of fish throughout history around the coast and islands of Scotland. The displays also illustrate the working and domestic lives of the fishermen, fisherlasses, and children who all contributed to the fishing industry.

About the role:

We are looking for creative, enthusiastic people who will support the Museum's exhibitions programme through helping to deliver engagement events and outreach. Our exhibition programme is varied, providing opportunity develop creative learning practices.

Our Learning and Engagement Volunteers will be trained to help develop and deliver learning and engagement opportunities for visitors through inhouse and outreach events. These might include crafts workshops, activity sessions at community festivals, or demonstrations in the Museum galleries.

Volunteers will be given relevant training and supported in these activities by the Learning and Engagement Officer.

We welcome volunteers to share any arts or crafts expertise, including traditional crafts, such as storytelling or boatbuilding skills, which can be incorporated into a



learning event. Previous experience is not, however, required as training and support will be given.

The key tasks will include:

- Supporting the Learning and Engagement Officer to develop and deliver events and workshops tied to the Museum's temporary exhibitions and projects.
- Keeping up to date and learning about the Museum's current exhibitions and projects.
- Working with members of the public – providing visitors with a positive learning experience, offering guidance in event activities in a helpful and friendly way.
- Supporting the Museum staff in acting as a point of welcome for all visitors to the Scottish Fisheries Museum.
- Assisting the Museum staff in safeguarding the security of visitors, staff, volunteers, and Museum collections, and report any hazards, near misses and incidents.
- Adhering to the Scottish Fisheries Museum Trust's policies and to standards of best practice.

Hours and timeframe:

- Minimum two events per year (outreach events typically last 2 hours and in-house events typically last 2-4 hours depending on the event)
- Preferences and availability can be discussed in more detail with the Learning and Engagement Officer.

The role requires:

- An interest in history
- An interest in working with members of the public
- The ability to talk to everyone from all walks of life
- Experience in or a willingness to learn crafts.

Volunteers may be subject to a PVG check depending on the type of engagement they wish to deliver. The Scottish Fisheries Museum Team will support any applications where necessary.

We encourage applicants from all backgrounds, including those facing barriers to employment, people living with disabilities and with additional support needs, people from BAME backgrounds, refugees, and those who identify as LGBTQI+.

Support/training:



Volunteers will be given an induction and training for all aspects of the role by the Scottish Fisheries Museum Team. They will be supported in their role by the Learning and Engagement Officer as a key point of contact.

Application process:

The application process will involve the completion of our Volunteer Application Form (please indicate on the form which role you are applying for) and an informal chat with the Learning and Engagement Officer.

For further information about the role please contact Kathy Donaldson, Learning and Engagement Officer on 01333 310628 or kathy@scotfishmuseum.org