

Family Events Volunteer

The Museum of Cambridge is the city's only museum that shares the stories and lives of the people of Cambridge. On the corner of Castle and Northampton Street in a 17th-century coaching inn, we share what life was and still is like living in Cambridge and the surrounding Fens. Our collection represents 300 years of stories about the everyday life, fears, hopes and experiences of the people in this area. We are proud to be an independent museum which is supported by a thriving team of volunteers across many areas of work.

The Museum is open 6 days a week, Wednesday- Monday. Saturday and weekdays 10-5pm and Sundays and Bank Holidays 11-4pm.

We are looking for someone who:

- Is friendly, likes to start conversations, and is approachable
- Enjoys engaging with families and children of all ages
- Shows initiative
- Has great solution-based thinking when part of a team
- Is creative and happy to help set up and put away crafts.
- Is understanding and compassionate
- Is interested in community building and history

What's in it for you:

- Fun and engaging crafts and activities
- Gain experience in Museum events
- Make connections, and meet people in Cambridge.
- Learn about and share your passion for local history
- Tea, coffee, and biscuits whenever you volunteer
- Social events to explore Cambridge and get to know the other volunteers
- Gain experience interacting with the public

Family Events Volunteers help us:

- Provide **free** public access to heritage experiences at the Museum.
- Provide **free** activities and crafts
- Share the stories and lives of the people of Cambridgeshire.

This role includes:

Help with stay-and-play sessions for 1-5 year olds at our Museum with crafts, and storytelling through the school holidays. Set-up and oversee free workshops and events for

families and children of all ages. Support offsite stalls, engaging the general public in Museum collections, stories and crafts.

- Be friendly, approachable, and chatty
- Be an out-of-the-box thinker with creative solution-based thinking
- Support the Engagement Officer in bringing the history of Cambridge to life
- Set up tables and chairs, craft supplies, and refreshments.
- Welcome the public to the events and check tickets if applicable
- Engage with children and adults alike in activities and crafts
- Help clearing away arts, crafts and activities

You can volunteer regularly on any day the museum is open, as well as having opportunities to join in on weekends and other dates as and when events come up, particularly over summer.

How to Apply:

Apply here and join our online volunteering platform Better Impact (<https://btr.im/jylky>) If you need support with this application please email, call, or pop into the Museum.

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What Happens next?

If you would like to volunteer with us, we will get you onsite to check out the role, speak with our team and get you started on some basic training. It's as easy as that! If you have any further questions, get in touch with alex.horn@museumofcambridge.org.uk or telephone 01223 355159

Facilities

At the Museum of Cambridge, we have a comfortable living room space and a well-equipped kitchen. The museum is a grade II listed 17th century building with uneven floors and narrow staircases.

Health and safety responsibilities:

You will be responsible for your own health and safety and that of others with whom you volunteer, by reporting all potential and actual health and safety matters including accidents using the correct procedures. You will be supported in your knowledge by completing our health and safety E-learning module.

Safeguarding:

The Museum of Cambridge acknowledges that we have the ultimate responsibility for management and control of activities conducted at the Museum and that this is in line with relevant legislation and statutory guidance of the safeguarding of young people and vulnerable groups. Please refer to our Safeguarding Policy for more information.

Equality and Diversity: Volunteers from all backgrounds and experiences are welcome. We are committed to equality and diversity and creating a welcoming environment where all feel valued. The Museum of Cambridge has a responsibility to ensure all volunteers are eligible to volunteer in the UK.