

Museum of Bath Architecture

What is a Museum Volunteer?

Our Museum Volunteers have an important role helping people of all ages explore the Museum of Bath Architecture housed at the Countess Of Huntingdon's Chapel and its unique collection and archive.

We are looking for people with a friendly and flexible approach who will enjoy a varied and busy role, giving you a chance to share your enthusiasm for the Museum of Bath Architecture and more generally for museums and the built heritage of Bath with visitors and the community.

Volunteers will receive an induction and training to enable you to feel confident to undertake the responsibilities of the role.

The Museum of Bath Architecture has been closed since March 2020 and is re-opening end of March 2024 for a fixed term for visitors to experience it once again in its current setting, access its unique collection and archive and to consult the community on its future use.

We are looking for people with some experience of working with the public in a customer facing role with great customer service skills. Experience of working in museums would be useful but is not essential as full training will be given. The roles will start from end of March 2024 with some training sessions being held in late February 2024.



What's in it for you?

- Becoming part of a team of sociable, friendly and enthusiastic people of mixed ages and

experience

- Meeting people from all walks of life and making new friends
- Gaining valuable experience in the heritage sector
- Taking part in a programme of social events
- Opportunity to conduct new research and to help contribute to our knowledge and understanding of our collection and the wider city.
- Opportunity to be trained on giving 'Lightning Talks' (only if you feel comfortable)
- Receive training, such as: Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Training, Customer service and Collection Care
- Opportunity to participate in the Volunteer Development Programme
- Receive free entry into BPT Museums after 6 months and have access to the archive
- Access to the museum's extensive research library about Bath, architecture and conservation.

What's involved?

- Providing information to visitors and answering enquires.
- Providing lightning talks to visitors.
- Support specialist interest tours as required.
- Support events at the museum: preparations for and after events
- Having a flexible and positive attitude to learning new information and skills quickly.
- Becoming familiar with and signing the BPT Safeguarding policy and being willing to have a Disclosure and Barring Services check if a particular level of volunteering involvement requires it.
- Conducting research or giving talks to the public (if you feel comfortable).
- Becoming familiar with and then following Bath Preservation Trust's Health and Safety Policy at all times.
- Giving any other appropriate assistance in relation to the role as may be reasonably requested.
- As part of the ever-growing programming of events and activities at the museum there may also be opportunities to help with conservation activities, collection care, guided tours and more.

This role will suit people who are interested in the history of architecture and Bath as a World Heritage site, as well as those who have an interest in sustainability, advocacy and campaigning.

Extra information

Your place Museum of Bath Architecture, Countess Of Huntingdon's Chapel

Time commitment Minimum two shifts per month and minimum 3 months commitment. Museum opening times are Wednesday to Saturday so some weekend and evening support needed.

Reporting to Community Engagement Officer, Museum of Bath Architecture

Expenses Out-of-pocket travel costs between home and volunteering place will be paid, and other reasonable expenses agreed in advance

How to apply Please send an email to moba@bptrust.org.uk

About Bath Preservation Trust

Bath Preservation Trust was founded in 1934 as a small pressure group, with the object of protecting the city's unique architectural heritage. Its first action was to fight plans to pull down parts of the picturesque Georgian city of Bath, England, to make way for a new road. The road was never built. Since this victory, the Trust has saved hundreds more listed buildings from demolition, and has successfully confronted many similar threats to the city. Today the Trust has approximately 1,400 subscribing members from the UK and overseas supporting its work.

The Trust exists *“to preserve for the benefit of the public the historic character and amenities of the City of Bath and its surroundings”*. In a City with such a wealth of heritage there are inevitably difficult challenges to be faced in reconciling the demands of a modern thriving City alongside the exceptional level of conservation care demanded in a World Heritage Site. The 21st Century has brought with it the added pressures of encroachment to the City's green belt setting. The role and influence of the Trust is needed as much now as ever before.

The Trust is also a major provider in the tourist and domestic economy as it owns and runs museums and educational activities at No. 1 Royal Crescent, The Countess of Huntingdon's Chapel, Beckford's Tower and the Herschel Museum of Astronomy, all of which have been restored by the Trust and provide a valuable resource for the city's residents and its visitors.

The Bath Preservation Trust is an independent charity, registered with the Charity Commission of England & Wales, and is a company limited by guarantee. It has a voluntary Chairman and board of Trustees. With prudent management the Trust is financially self-sufficient and independent of any controlling agency; a unique position for a heritage organization to hold within the UK.

Find out more: Contact us via the details available on our website or call 01225 338 727



This is a voluntary role, so it isn't legally binding or a contract.