

Volunteer Role – Engagement Volunteer (schools), Museum & Art Swindon (MAS)

Title of role	Schools Engagement Volunteer
Purpose of Role	MAS has a fascinating history collection telling the stories of Swindon from prehistoric times to the present day, and a significant collection of modern and contemporary art. The Museum offers a programme of primary and secondary school visits to engage pupils with the collections. Volunteers will play an important role in supporting pupils during visits, managing groups around the building and facilitating activities in the galleries.
Main Activities or Duties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteers will lead and facilitate small group activities in the museum galleries. You will not be expected to plan these activities. • Guiding, directing and supporting teachers during self-led activities. • Safeguarding museum collections by encouraging pupils to be careful in the galleries. • Bringing museum displays alive and imparting knowledge in a friendly and engaging manner. • Answering questions when asked. • Gathering feedback from schools about their experience. • Helping to set up, tidy, re-set and pack down activity resources, before, during and after sessions. • Working in conjunction with Learning & Engagement Team and Visitor Experience Team staff.
Requirements	This role would suit someone who has an enthusiastic and friendly manner and a love of history and/or art and learning. You will need to be organised, flexible and capable of thinking on your feet! Ideally, you will have previous experience of working or volunteering with children. You must enjoy interacting with children and operating as part of a team. You must also be fluent in the English language (as a requirement of Part 7 of the Immigration Act – for the effective performance of a customer-facing role).
Benefits	There are lots of personal benefits to volunteering at the museum, whatever your motivation or long-term goals. Benefits to you include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Becoming part of a friendly and dedicated team • Gaining new skills and knowledge • Finding out more about Swindon’s history and art collections • Improving your CV • Knowing you have contributed to pupils’ learning and enjoyment and the sharing of local heritage

Training offered	Volunteers will receive an induction to the building, training in their role, and training in health & safety, inclusive practice and safeguarding.
Time commitment requested	We run school workshops Tuesdays to Fridays each week during term-time. Ideally, you would be able to commit to at least one school visit per half-term (5 hours – 9.30am to 2.30pm).