



New Lanark World Heritage Site Research Volunteer

Are you fascinated by history? Do you enjoy reading and researching historical sources? Do you passionate about unearthing untold stories about the past? Then our Research Volunteer role is for you!

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Research Volunteers will have the chance to gain skills in historical research, collection interpretation and exhibition curation. New Lanark is a UNESCO World Heritage Site of international significance. By sharing New Lanark's rich and varied history with our visitors, volunteers are contributing to the site's longevity, allowing it to be preserved for future generations.

What will you be doing?

- Researching New Lanark's history using our CMS eHive, our physical and digital collections and reference library
- Researching and analysing reputable historical sources through online databases and catalogues
- Working collaboratively with other Research Volunteers and the Heritage Team
- Creating and maintaining accurate and coherent reports of research topics
- Supporting the development of talks, tours, exhibitions and learning resources
- Answering basic research enquiries from the public, schools and universities.

Ongoing support, training and skills development will be provided for these duties.

What skills might you need?

- A keen interest in history, heritage and material culture
- Strong attention to detail and excellent written skills
- Ability to analyse historical material and sources
- Understanding of online catalogues and databases for research (e.g National Records, Google Scholar and genealogy databases)
- A collaborative mindset



What skills can you develop through this role?

- Experience of working in the heritage industry
- Experience of working with the collections of a World Heritage Site of international interest
- Experience of researching history using digital and material sources
- Experience of Family History enquiries and key genealogy databases
- Experience of working with CMS databases
- Experience of exhibition curation and development
- Knowledge of New Lanark, its history, and present day vision

Time Commitment

- Year round and flexible
- Estimated 4 hours per week, however we are able to allow a degree of flexibility

Opportunities & Benefits

- Meeting a wide variety of people from across the globe
- Access to ongoing support and opportunities for training and development
- Developing skills, confidence and increased sector specific knowledge
- Networking with other industry professionals and organisations
- Opportunities to gain further experience within the volunteer team where appropriate
- A 25% discount in The Mill Cafe and 20% in The Mill Shop (excluding alcohol, books, food, Locharron, and Jessica Graaf)

Requirements

- Details of references will be requested
- A Disclosure Scotland check will be conducted for volunteers at the expense of New Lanark Trust
- If accepted, you will be invited to attend some days on site for induction, briefing and training, including a tour of the site
- All volunteers will undertake a trial period of one month

Uniform

- There is no uniform in place currently; however, we ask that Volunteers wear a New Lanark Volunteer Badge, which is left on site at the end of each shift. For special events, you may be asked to wear a branded New Lanark top or fleece.

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