Yorkshire Museum

York Observatory in the Museum Gardens

What will you be doing?

You will be helping us to interpret the history of the observatory and the key figures in science and astronomy in York. You will also show people the historic telescope and have an opportunity to volunteer for evening stargazing events.

What will you gain from volunteering here?

Meet people

Not only will you chat to the public but you will join a team of volunteers, get to know museum staff, and will have access to a range of volunteer events.

Learning something new

With specific training you will learn about the history of the building and the key figures who made York a centre of astronomy.

Helping others

You will help visitors to engage with the subject and give them a great visitor experience.

Get Active

Visit the observatory and gardens regularly and enjoy the atmosphere of this thought provoking and beautiful environment.

Who are we looking for?

You do not need to know anything about the collections. If you are over 18, are available for a minimum of 3 hours a week, plus an initial training session, and can say yes to the following questions:

- I am friendly and enthusiastic and like talking to people
- I want to learn more about history and tell visitors about the collections
- I enjoy being part of a team

Then do apply online.

When can you volunteer?

We have sessions from 11:30am until 2:30pm every day of the week and you choose sessions to suit your own schedule.

Who can you talk to about volunteering?

You can either apply online or if you have a specific question you can email the Volunteers Coordinator at:

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York Museums Trust was formed on August 1 2002, as an independent charitable trust to manage the museums and gallery service previously run by City of York Council. Supported by the Council, York Museums Trust is responsible for York Art Gallery, York Castle Museum, Yorkshire Museum and Gardens and York St Mary's