

Volunteer Role Description

DIG Tour Assistant Volunteers



What do DIG Tour Assistant Volunteers do?

DIG Tour Assistant Volunteers engage and enthuse school & family visitors on our group tours to learn about archaeology and the discoveries it can uncover about our past.

Where Will I Be Volunteering?

At DIG : An Archaeological Adventure, which is part of The JORVIK GROUP (the York Archaeological Trust's attractions group),

Housed in St Saviour's Church, DIG is a hands-on archaeological adventure offering children the chance to become trainee archaeologists through four special excavations. Find out more at www.digyork.com.

Who does the role suit?

Involvement in the tour role assistant role offers a fun and engaging way to share an interest in archaeology with a schools and family audience. It is ideal for both those seeking experience of archaeological interpretation, teaching, schools or family learning and museum education as well as those with a passion for archaeology and a desire to inspire a love of the past in our younger generations

Skills and Interests

You don't need guiding or historical knowledge but volunteers should:

- Be confident initiating conversation with children and adults
- Have a strong customer focus
- Have a desire to contribute your enthusiasm and time to enhance visitor experience
- Want to support the Trust's educational aims

Volunteer Tasks

- Offer increased engagement through assistance on group tours
- Deliver visitor interaction through additional activities on tours/ the post tour gallery areas
- Provide support to staff leading the tour

Induction, Training & Support

Video training materials are provided to you with all the information you need to get started volunteering. We will also ask you to attend an initial welcome session. After this we will book you onto your first volunteering session, where you will be supported by the DIG staff to shadow a tour. You will be supported throughout your volunteering by the Volunteering and Site Management teams.



What Will I Gain from Volunteering?

Meet new people

You will be part of a friendly team of volunteers and staff at DIG, and get the opportunity to talk to visitors with a wide range of interests and backgrounds.

Contribute to the work of the York Archaeological Trust

As an educational charity, our volunteers help us engage visitors in our attractions, with the history and archaeology of York and the work of YAT, and enhance visitor experience.

Learn something new

Volunteers will be given training on the archaeology of York represented in DIG and how to present this to young visitors

An inspiring place to volunteer

Our school and family visitors to dig are making new discoveries as part of their wider learning. You will get an opportunity to share in their excitement as they explore the world of an archaeologist.

An active routine

With weekly, fortnightly and monthly volunteering sessions available volunteers will have a regular, social and fun activity to take part in.

Hours & Involvement

You are welcome to get involved on a weekly or fortnightly basis and you will be able to flexibly choose to sign up to accompany the tours that suit your availability best.

Uniform

You will be given a volunteer shirt to wear which we ask you to team with a pair of dark trousers or a dark skirt and plain, comfortable shoes. You will be bending in and out of the dig pits (filled with plastic mud) so clothing you can move easily in and safe, comfortable footwear is best. Our dig teams wear walking boots and combat trousers.

How do I apply?

Volunteers apply at our intake periods. Application is through [an online application form available here](#). For more information on the next intake go to www.digyork.com/get-involved/volunteers/. For more information or any questions, please email volunteer@yorkat.co.uk.

COVID Security

The health and wellbeing of our staff, volunteers and visitors remains our priority. Our COVID secure procedures are regularly updated to meet government guidelines and changes in the national situation.

Hand sanitising stations, enhanced cleaning procedures and temperature check facilities remain in place throughout our attractions and offices. Whilst we cannot require visitors to wear a face covering we continue to strongly encourage this and we ask all visitor facing staff and volunteers to continue to wear a face covering.

If you would like any further information about the visitor or volunteer experience post COVID-19 please don't hesitate to ask.