

# Volunteer Role Description

## DIG Tour Support Volunteers



### What do DIG Tour Support Volunteers do?

DIG Tour Support 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. Housed in St Saviour's Church, DIG is York Archaeology's hands-on archaeological attraction offering children the chance to become trainee archaeologists through four special excavations. Find out more at [www.digyork.com](http://www.digyork.com).

### Who does the role suit?

Involvement in the tour assistant role offers a fun and engaging way to share an interest in archaeology with a schools and family audience. It is ideal for anyone seeking experience of archaeological interpretation, teaching, schools or family learning and heritage 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:

- Have a passion for archaeology and/or education
- 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 York Archaeology'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 York Archaeology

Our volunteers contribute to the work of our educational charity by helping us deliver a great visitor experience and engage people with the history and archaeology of York.

### 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.

### 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 active routine

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

## Hours & Involvement

Volunteers can get involved on a weekly or fortnightly basis for 90-minute sessions. You will be able to flexibly choose to sign up to accompany the tours that suit your availability best.

## Uniform

You are welcome to wear your own smart casual clothing when volunteering in this role. This can include smart jeans and trainers. We just ask you to avoid some items of clothing like ripped jeans and band t-shirts. Guidance on smart / casual clothing is given during our volunteer and placement welcome but please do let us know if you have any questions in advance of this.



## How do I Apply?

Volunteers apply at our regular intake periods. Application is through [an online application form available here](#).

For more information on the next intake and to see Frequently Asked Questions go to [www.digyork.co.uk/get-involved/](http://www.digyork.co.uk/get-involved/)

For any questions, please email [volunteer@yorkat.co.uk](mailto:volunteer@yorkat.co.uk).

York Archaeology is committed to reflecting the diversity of our audiences and reducing barriers to volunteering. If you are interested in volunteering but have questions, including about support or access needs, that you'd like to ask before applying, please contact our friendly volunteering team.