

STEAM - Museum of the Great Western Railway

Title of role	Wednesday Gang Volunteer
Purpose of Role	To work as a part of the Wednesday Gang, assisting with light maintenance tasks within the collection and on occasion on the museum building. In addition, the Wednesday Gang are responsible for the cleaning of locomotives, rolling stock, nameplates and other items within the collection.
Main Activities or Duties	• Undertaking maintenance tasks allocated by the Collections and Exhibitions Officer • Carrying out ongoing maintenance and cleaning tasks within the display areas as detailed by a monthly schedule of work • Working alongside Curatorial staff within the main displays or in storage areas on a variety of tasks • Assisting the Curatorial Team with the installation of temporary exhibitions
Requirements	This role would suit someone with a passion for railway history and a knowledge of DIY, maintenance or light engineering. You will have: • Ability to work as part of an established team • Ability to work under direction • Willingness to work in a public space amongst visitors and other museum users • Understanding of historic object handling • Some experience of basic DIY and maintenance • Basic understanding of health and safety
Benefits	There are lots of personal benefits to volunteering at the museum, whatever your motivation or long-term goals. Benefits to you include: • Experience of heritage environment and a busy visitor attraction • Experience of working with historic artefacts • Working as part of a lively and enthusiast team
Training	Volunteers will receive an induction to the building, training in their task and access to any other training required to carry out the role. Volunteers may be required to complete training provided either in-house or by Swindon Borough Council if it is relevant to their role. Volunteers will be obliged to abide by Health and Safety standards, COSHH Assessments and Safe Systems of Work that are relevant to their role.
Time commitment requested	Ideally weekly on a Wednesday. Beginning at 10.00 until no later than 16.00. We would welcome an initial commitment of 6 months. There will be a trial period of 4 months to ensure that this is the right role for you.