

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES WITH THE GUILDHALL

~ Welcome Team ~

You'll be the first-person visitors to the Guildhall meet - help orientate them with a brief introduction to the building and its history.

Following in the footsteps of late 19th Century Guildhall Beadles, your role will be to welcome our visitors, alongside Guildhall staff, help unlock the building and prepare for the day's activities, record visitor numbers, promote Guildhall events and venue hire. There are opportunities to get involved with our exciting programme of events including weddings, private functions, workshops, exhibitions, talks and tours.

If you enjoy meeting people and are friendly and approachable with an enthusiasm for local history we would love to hear from you.

Events happen ad-hoc on both weekdays and weekends, volunteer shifts range from 2 to 3 hours usually between 9:45am to 4pm although some later shifts are also offered.

~ Garden Team ~

Our wonderful organic garden is stocked with traditional cottage garden plants. It has been designed to feature the use of herbs through the ages (in the Sensory Garden) and there's an extensive rose collection. Become part of the team looking after this beautiful asset and work alongside novice and experienced volunteer gardeners.

You'll be getting stuck in digging, planting, grass-cutting and weeding, so a degree of physical fitness would be helpful. Skilled or learning as you go – there's plenty to be done in the fresh air.

Weather permitting, we have Tuesday and Thursday teams on site from around 10am to noon.

~ Tour Guide ~

Bring the 800-year history of this beautiful historic building to life. Lead tour groups around the Guildhall, and enthrall audiences with tales of courtroom dramas, medieval feasts, and unsung WWII heroes.

You should have excellent verbal communication skills, with the ability to capture the attention of your audience, flexible in your approach and able to adapt to suit groups of various ages and abilities. An Interest in history and an aptitude for remembering and relaying information would be helpful.

We offer an excellent training course, with regular refresher catch-ups, to all our guides to build confidence and equip you with the necessary skills to become one of the team.

You will need to be able to dedicate time to training and learning scripts. Tours are booked on an ad hoc basis throughout the week.