



Stonehenge Education Volunteer Role Description

Why does English Heritage need my support?

At Stonehenge we offer a programme of inspiring and engaging workshops for school groups that explore the meaning of the stones, the history of the landscape surrounding them, and life in the Neolithic and Bronze Ages. We are looking for people to help us run these sessions and inspire the next generation of history lovers.

How much time will I be expected to give?

Workshops can be booked on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays during school term-time. Each volunteer session is for three hours and you will be given plenty of notice of a workshop booking.

Where will I be based?

At the Visitor Centre or out in the landscape at: Stonehenge, Wiltshire SP4 7DE

We promote sustainable transport to Stonehenge and where possible we encourage volunteers to make use of the options.

What will I be doing?

In a pair or as part of a group, you will lead or assist the workshop. The content of the workshop is well established but you will need to prepare the resources for each session. This includes setting up and tidying away and may involve moving heavy items.

There are three workshops that can be booked by UK schools:

- The Stones and Bones Workshop is aimed at Key Stages 1-3 (ages 5 - 14) and explores the history of the Stones and the landscape in the Neolithic and Bronze Ages.
- The Neolithic Life Workshop is aimed at Key Stages 2 and 3 (ages 7 - 14). Starting in our education room the students become archaeologists and complete a number of challenges. For second part you move to the Neolithic houses where students can learn Neolithic skills for themselves.
- The Myths and Legends Workshop is aimed at Key Stage 2 (ages 7 - 11). This session is formed of two parts: at the stones discovering Stonehenge myths and legends and creating these myths in the education room.

We are always trying to improve the education workshops so evaluating the effectiveness of the session is an important part of this role.

What skills, qualities and experience do I need?

- Enthusiasm for working with children and young people.
- Flexibility and adaptability.
- Excellent communication skills.
- Ability to deliver the sessions to pupils of different ages and abilities.
- Ability to work in a team with site staff and volunteers.

What support and training will I receive?

Full training will be provided and will include:

- Induction and familiarisation with the site and staff.
- Guidance on the content of the interactive models, practical workshops and delivery of the session.
- Guidance on school requirements.



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What will English Heritage expect from me?

- To be the friendly face of English Heritage and deliver excellent customer service.
- To be reliable in attendance and dependable.
- Help us maintain the highest standards of presentation at our sites and properties.
- To wear English Heritage volunteer uniform where provided.
- Help us protect our properties and collections by understanding and following our security and safety procedures.
- Maintain good working relationships with staff, other volunteers and members of the public.
- Attend appropriate training and learn about the work of English Heritage.
- Observe organisational policy and procedures.
- Safeguard confidential information about English Heritage and let us know about anything relating to your role or the work of English Heritage that you think might be controversial.
- Any documentary or other material (including any copyright applying thereto) you are provided with or which is created by you in respect of your volunteering will be the property and copyright of English Heritage (unless otherwise agreed in writing).

What can I expect from English Heritage?

- A welcoming and enjoyable experience.
- To be treated fairly and with respect.
- Recognition and appreciation for your contribution.
- A full induction and training programme with on-going support.
- A volunteer pass allowing free entry to English Heritage properties is available on completion of 60 hours and four months of volunteering.
- Reimbursement of reasonable local travel costs between home and volunteering location within agreed limits.
- A certificate to demonstrate work carried out for English Heritage is available on request to show future employers or further education providers.
- You will be covered by English Heritage's own indemnity arrangements in respect of all liabilities that may result from your appointment as a volunteer.