

## Volunteer Role Description

### Costumed Interpretation Volunteer: Brunel's Chief Clerk

#### Purpose of the role:

To welcome visitors to Brunel's Duke Street office and bring to life the stories of the business he conducted there. The role will be based in the brand new Being Brunel Museum opening spring 2018.

#### Main activities:

Costume Volunteers will be in period costume but are asked to interact with visitors as themselves, rather than in character. However there are many ways in which you can bring the history of Duke Street to life in an engaging, accessible and authentic way:

- Welcoming visitors to Duke Street and establishing the time and place recreated in the space: London in the autumn of 1840
- Describing the role Duke Street played in Brunel's professional life and the engineering business he operated from there.
- Share with visitors the story of the development of the *SS Great Britain's* design during this pivotal moment in Brunel's career.
- Answering visitors' questions and providing accurate information in a lively and engaging way
- Enabling all visitors to explore and interact with Brunel's office and to follow in his footsteps.



#### What the SS Great Britain can offer:

- A fun and engaging role where you get the chance to dress in historical costume.
- The chance to learn the fascinating history of the ship and the work and life of Isambard Kingdom Brunel.
- A social and training program with opportunities and events throughout the year
- Behind the scenes access to the Collection
- The chance to make new friends and to be part of a vibrant team
- A reference when you have been volunteering with us regularly for over six months.



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#### About you:

No prior experience is necessary, we will provide you with all the training and information that you need. We are looking for people who:

- Are happy wearing historical costume and engaging with visitors
- Want to tell stories and share their interest in history in an engaging and interactive way
- Have an interest in Victorian history
- Are willing to undertake training related to the role
- Are friendly, approachable and confident in a busy public environment
- Are enthusiastic about working with our visitors of all ages and backgrounds
- Can volunteer for a morning or afternoon session per week.

As a Costumed Interpretation Volunteer you will be supervised by Simon Strain, Active Interpretation Manager.

Volunteers are an important part of the charity and play a vital role in enhancing the work of the Trust. We are committed to providing volunteering opportunities of a high standard.

#### Ready to take the next step?

If you would like to join our crew or have any questions please get in touch by completing an enquiry form, available at <http://www.ssgreatbritain.org/support-us/volunteer>

You can contact our Volunteer Administrator by emailing [volunteering@ssgreatbritain.org](mailto:volunteering@ssgreatbritain.org) or telephoning 0117 926 0680 Ext: 251. We would love to hear from you.

Potential volunteers will be invited to a recruitment event to discuss the role further and to ensure it is the right role for you. This will give you the chance to learn more about the volunteer roles and to meet the team. These events take place monthly.