Volunteer Role Description
Costumed Volunteer: Mrs Lambton

Purpose of the role:
To inspire and engage visitors to the SS Great Britain by bringing the story of the ship and her passengers to life in an interesting and relevant way.

Main activities:
As a Costumed Interpretation Volunteer you will wear period costume and interact with visitors as yourself. In your role as Mrs Lambton, an actual passenger who travelled in steerage, the lowest class of accommodation aboard the SS Great Britain, there are many ways in which you will bring the history of the ship to life including:

- Describing what life would have been like for the passengers travelling to Australia in steerage
- Describing the types of people who travelled in steerage and discussing their reasons for migrating
- Answering visitors’ questions and providing accurate information in a lively and engaging way
- Using handling objects to help visitors understand what life would have been like for passengers travelling on board during the 19th Century
- Demonstrating historical activities on board the ship, inviting families and visitors to join in
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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 her passengers
- A social and training programme with opportunities and events throughout the year
- 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

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

- Are happy wearing historical costume and interacting with visitors in an engaging way
- Have an interest in Victorian or maritime history and sharing their passion with others
- Are willing to undertake training related to the role and carry out some research into their character with staff support
- Are friendly, approachable and confident in a busy public environment
- Want to share their passion for history in an engaging and interactive way
- Can volunteer for at least a morning or afternoon session per week
- Please note: all costumed roles are open to both male and female volunteers

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 will be invited to a recruitment event where you’ll have the chance to learn more about the volunteer roles, meet the team, discuss the role further and ensure that it is right for you.

You can contact our Volunteer Administrator by emailing volunteering@ssgreatbritain.org or telephoning 0117 922 5737. We would love to hear from you!