

# Volunteer Role Description

## Volunteer Education Assistant



### **Purpose of the role:**

Each year we welcome thousands of primary and secondary school groups to Brunel's SS Great Britain; the historic ship, Dockyard Museum and beneath the 'sea' capture the imagination with lots to see, hear, touch and even smell! Our Education Assistant volunteers support the workshop leader, to provide exciting, hands-on and unforgettable workshops for school groups.

### **Main activities:**

We offer a programme of hour long education workshops for schools. Schools can select from three different fun, interactive workshops to engage young people with the history of the ship, her passengers and Brunel. These are delivered by our workshop leaders. As a volunteer, you would enhance a school visit by:

- Supporting the delivery of the workshops in the education centre
- Helping school children to enjoy the workshops and their visits in a fun and engaging way
- Assisting the team with the practicalities of the workshops including the set up and packing away
- There may be additional opportunities to support us with our informal learning events during weekends, evenings and school holidays



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### What the SS Great Britain can offer:

- The chance to inspire children of all ages and to bring history to life for them
- The opportunity to be part of a friendly and supportive team of staff and volunteers
- The chance to learn the fascinating history of the ship and the work and life of Isambard Kingdom Brunel
- A social and training programme, with opportunities throughout the year
- A reference when you have been volunteering with us for over six months

### About you:

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

- Enjoy working with children and are interested in education
- Are friendly, approachable and confident in a busy environment
- A willingness to engage children with Victorian and maritime history in an interesting and interactive way
- Can volunteer for a session a week, during school term times. Depending on the workshops booked, this will most likely be two workshops and be from 9.30am -13.00pm or 11.30am-2.30pm.

As a Volunteer Education Assistant you will be supervised by our Education Officer. Volunteers are an important part of the organisation and play a vital role in enhancing the work of Brunel's SS Great Britain 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 922 573. 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 right for you. This will give you the chance to learn more about volunteering here and to meet the staff and volunteers you would be working with. These events take place monthly.