

Volunteer Role Description

Weather Deck Maintenance Volunteer



Purpose of the role:

Volunteers support with the presentation and maintenance of the weather deck of the ship to enhance the visitor experience.

Main activities:

There are lots of different opportunities and experiences to be gained from this role. There will also be the chance to develop new knowledge and skills. You could be involved with:

- Performing routine checks of the weather deck to ensure that it is looking its best for visitors
- Maintaining presentation of the weather deck by tidying flags, cleaning glass, scrubbing decks and polishing brass
- Supporting the Boatswain with basic maintenance tasks, such as painting and oiling wood on deck
- Talking to visitors about the works being undertaken on the weather deck

What the SS Great Britain can offer:

- The opportunity to learn about the presentation and maintenance of an historic ship
- The chance to learn new skills and gain insight in to the duties on board an historic ship, from our Technical Services team
- A social and training programme with opportunities and events throughout the year
- Behind the scenes access to the ship and 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:

- Have an interest in maritime history, maintenance and presentation of heritage sites
- Are willing to undertake training related to the role
- Are team players who can support the work of the Technical Services team
- Are practical in their approach, and may have previous maintenance or technical experience
- Are able and willing to complete hands-on, practical tasks outdoors in most weather conditions
- Are friendly, approachable, and confident in a busy public environment and would welcome interactions with visitors
- Can volunteer for a morning session per week

As a Weather Deck Maintenance Volunteer you will be supervised by Steve Lucas-Jones.

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 Programme Coordinator by emailing volunteering@ssgreatbritain.org or telephoning 0117 462 3167. 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.