

# Volunteer Role Description

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### **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 represent one of the passengers or crew of the SS Great Britain, or one of Brunel's office staff. Whilst you wear Victorian period costume you will interact with visitors as yourself. As a 21<sup>st</sup> century person sharing stories of the past there are many ways in which you will bring history to life including:

- Describing what daily life would have been like for the passengers and crew travelling aboard the SS Great Britain or the staff working in Brunel's Duke Street office



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- Describing the types of people who lived and worked aboard the SS Great Britain, or who worked for Brunel's engineering business
- Using handling objects to help visitors understand what life would have been like for Victorians during the 19<sup>th</sup> Century
- Demonstrating historically appropriate activities and inviting visitors to join in
- Answering visitors' questions and providing accurate information in a lively and engaging way

**Current Roles Available:** [Brunel's Chief Clerk](#) and [the Quaker!](#)

### **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
- Are enthusiastic about working with our visitors of all ages and backgrounds
- 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, Head of Living History.



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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 emailing [volunteering@ssgreatbritain.org](mailto:volunteering@ssgreatbritain.org) or telephoning 0117 462 3167 (Tues-Fri). We would love to hear from you!

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.