

Winter 2025

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Volunteering

News



Thank you for your incredible dedication to volunteering! Over the past year, you've contributed an impressive 20,000 hours of hard work and commitment. With new exhibitions and projects on the horizon, we look forward to another exciting year together. We appreciate you being part of our journey!

Updates

Capturing your volunteering impact

We would like to highlight the valuable contributions you, our dedicated volunteers, have made. Your impact is huge, and we aim to gather your experiences from the past year. Please take a moment to complete this quick and anonymous questionnaire by March 31st: [Click here or scan the QR Code.](#)

The more information we gather, the more we can illustrate the benefits of volunteering and inform our volunteering plans. Thank you for taking the time. Please note, where it asks you for a date at the start, please mention the month when you last volunteered.



SCAN ME

Talks and badges available to you

We had a blast with our badge maker, spreading good vibes and championing pronoun awareness throughout LGBTQ+ History Month! We stopped at the University of Leicester's student fair, at team meetings, and a fun-filled team-building day at the University of Nottingham. All whilst giving visibility to the [Villiers Revealed exhibition at the Melton Carnegie Museum](#). Want to share your pronouns on your volunteer lanyard? Just let Pippa know, and we'll send one over.



Want to know more about the Villiers Revealed exhibition? [Click here](#) and watch specialist curator Jon Sleigh's talk all about it.

Furthermore, [click here](#) to read fantastic blogs about what the University of Nottingham students have been up to with us.



Showered with awards

Exciting news in the heritage scene! [Harborough Museum](#) won the Society for Museum Archaeology's national award for its [redisplay of the Hallaton Helmet](#).



The [1620s House and Garden](#) received the [Best Team award](#) and will be representing at the [national Visit England Awards for Excellence](#). Additionally, the Bosworth Medieval Festival earned a Highly Commended accolade for Best Event/Festival and a Commendation for Small Visitor Attraction.. - Thank you!



[The Hallaton Helmet project](#) features in the "Current Archaeology" Magazine - Issue 415. [Click here to have a read of it.](#)

Highlights

Teamwork makes the dream work!

The My Jewellery, My Story exhibition at Charnwood Museum is open until June 15th! It features the remarkable Cossington necklace, an ancient piece with beads dating back nearly 4,000 years. It's joined by meaningful stories about jewellery from staff, volunteers and the community; giant handmade beads and tones of creativity. A massive shoutout to our Collections team for making this sparkle happen. And a big thank you to Andy, the mastermind behind the eye-catching jewelry photo backdrop now gracing the museum!



Tell us about your bling

To celebrate Microvolunteering Day on April 15th, and in connection with the fabulous My Jewellery, My Story Exhibition, we want to hear your glittering tales! Share your dazzling jewelry stories and pictures with us, or jump in and join the fun through our online shout-outs.



Behind the scenes volunteering

Costume Volunteers, Sue and Marilyn are diving into the Symington Archive – checking off lists, inspecting items, taking pictures, and wrapping everything up in protective tissue. Soon, we'll have a fully photographed archive ready to showcase online.



Inspiring at Bosworth Battlefield

Gallery volunteers, John and Rick, delighted their young audience with artefacts and knowledge of history. Visitors said: "The volunteers were brilliant – so engaging, patient and full of fascinating facts! My boys were completely captivated and have been talking about what they learned ever since... it really made our visit extra special!"



Friends Welcome

The Friends Welcome volunteering team are doing amazing things at the 1620s House and Garden. Encouraging creativity, tackling loneliness and isolation and increasing the wellbeing of the local community. Find out more about the wonderful things the group is up to by clicking here. "The Volunteers are stars and work so hard on Wednesdays not just in serving but by caring, listening and being friends" says staff member.



Over a decade of collaboration at Bosworth Battlefield

We celebrated over ten years of collaboration between the GoLearn Learning for Independence group and the Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre. Known as the Bosworth Knights, Tommies, and Explorers, this award-winning group has now transitioned to Hinckley Library as the Hinckley Historians. We look forward to their future achievements. Read more by clicking here.



Volunteers activating our Libraries

A massive shoutout to Loughborough Library Local Studies Volunteer Group and Leicestershire Shared Reading for activating our libraries with appreciation for culture!

Don't miss the "Lost Shops and Businesses of Loughborough" exhibition by the Loughborough Library Local Studies Volunteer Groups—a trip down memory lane!

Love reading? Dive into the fun and join the Leicestershire Shared Reading's latest group at Blaby, or check out any of their other fantastic groups!

On Friday 21st March, Melton Mowbray Library are hosting a celebration of their 60th anniversary. Join us to see Lynne's, Melton Carnegie Museum Research Volunteer, fantastic display showcasing 60's life in Melton, along with artifacts.

Lost Shops and Businesses of Loughborough
An Exhibition By
Loughborough Library Local Studies Volunteer Group



We absolutely love capturing volunteering highlights and sharing them with everyone! Don't forget to share your own highlights with your Volunteer Manager for a chance to feature in our upcoming newsletters.

Opportunities

Get involved

Explore, cultivate and showcase your skills and talents by participating in various opportunities.

You can now view all our opportunities and apply for new roles through our online volunteer platform.

[Click here to have a look!](#)

Here's a brief preview for those curious for a sneak peek at Assemble.

From one-off volunteering like this one on the 22nd and 23rd March:



Heritage Events Volunteer (Re-interment Anniversary Event (Remembering Richard's Return))

Do you enjoy bringing stories alive? Love to share facts and transport people to the past? Maybe you like art or crafting? This may be the role for you....

To regular volunteering:



Home Library Service

Ongoing

Are you interested in supporting people in your local community to reduce social isolation by regular visits with books?

We are looking for friendly volunteers who can deliver books to people's homes who are unable to access our libraries.

[View details](#)



Community Support Volunteer - Culture to You

Ongoing

Culture to You is a new offer providing access to collections of art, museum handling objects and cultural activities to those unable to attend our sites. We are looking for volunteers to assist with delivering activities in the community.

[View details](#)



Culture to You Volunteer

Ongoing

Culture to You is a new offer aimed at providing 'at home' access to collections of art, museums handling objects and cultural activities to people unable to get to our sites.



Reminiscence Volunteer - Culture to You

Ongoing

We are looking for volunteers to support the pilot of Culture to You in the Oadby and Wigston area, delivering Memory Box activities.

[Click here to see the full list of volunteering opportunities](#)

Invited News

Jemma's moving to pastures new

After 18 years of dazzling contributions, our superstar Jemma Atkin-Barrett, Community Participation Worker, is off to new adventures! We'll miss her spark of creativity and that smile that could light up a whole room! Jemma shared her heartfelt thanks: "I'm so grateful for all your support, teamwork, and friendship through the years. I've learned a ton and treasure every experience and memory we've created together!"



Congratulations to Bethany

Big cheers to Bethany on her promotion to Senior Support Officer for Culture Leicestershire, all while juggling her role as Volunteer Officer in the Heritage Team! Though she's hanging up her Volunteer Coordinator hat, her creative genius will be missed! A massive thank you, Bethany, for all your hard work and sparkle! 🎉



Watch our latest Culture Leicestershire video about Co-creation

We use co-creation as the basis for cultural activity to bring people together. Have a watch of our latest video to find out more. [Click here for the link.](#)



One Council for Leicestershire?

Leicestershire County Council invites residents to share their thoughts on local government reorganization. [Click here to find out more and have your say.](#)

Thank you for your continuous support and positivity. Reach out to your Volunteer Manager for any queries or ideas. For further questions, email: pippa.vidaldavies@leics.gov.uk

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