

Community & Learning Yolunteer

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Volunteer Community & Learning Assistant

Why should I volunteer for Stowe House?

The Community & Learning team aims to connect Stowe House with a wider range of people in imaginative ways. Our focus is on delivering activities for families, young people and school children. Our approach to engaging groups is one of creativity and exploration – we want our visitors to have an active and engaging experience of heritage, through sparking their imaginations.

As a Community & Learning volunteer, there's a wide choice of activities to be involved with and we are able to offer a good deal of flexibility for the role. You can help us in creating and delivering creative projects with community groups, family activities for House visitors at weeks at weekends and in school holidays and workshops for visiting primary schools and offsite resources for secondary schools.

What will I be doing?

The following tasks could be done by different volunteers or one person may wish to do some of each task. We are flexible as to what you would like to volunteer for.

- Set up, join in with and clear away from family visitor events and activities. This task is about encouraging and assisting our family visitors to ensure that they have a great experience at Stowe
- Set up, join in with and clear away from community & learning group activities. This task is about encouraging and assisting our group visitors. You may want to join us for some group activities that take place offsite
- Prepare resources. This is about practically helping the Community & Learning team
 with tasks such as photocopying, laminating, cutting and sticking, colouring, gathering
 resource and trialling our activities. We expect these tasks to be based in the office and
 Learning Space on weekdays.

Tasks for all volunteers

- Be informative and knowledgeable when answering questions about Stowe and its stories, and for questions that you are unsure about, seek advice from members of staff.
- Be proactive in providing low level security to Stowe House. Work within Stowe House Preservation Trust's procedures.



- Work in compliance with the Stowe House Preservation Trust's Health and Safety Policy, Safeguarding Policy, Access Policy, Equality & Diversity Policy and Learning Policy at all times
- Undertake training as and when required

What qualities, skills and experience do I need?

Do you love working with children and young people in creative and dynamic ways? Do you believe that heritage is for everyone? If the answer is yes, this may be the role for you. We are looking for volunteers who enjoy hands-on activities and have great people skills. Volunteering here is at its best when you are adaptable and mindful of our relationship with Stowe School and the National Trust. At our expansive and unique site, you will be representing all three!

How much time will I be expected to give?

This role can be very flexible. You can give a day or half a day a week or just as and when events are happening.

Where will I be based?

Stowe House, Buckingham, MK18 5EH

What support and training will I get?

This volunteer post reports to the Stowe House Preservation Trust Community and Learning Manager.

What can I expect from Stowe House?

- A welcoming and enjoyable volunteering experience.
- A full induction and training programme with on-going support.
- Regular Volunteer Coffee Mornings, bi-annual Volunteer Trips to other historic properties and museums as well as other Volunteer social events such as the annual Christmas Lunch.
- Reimbursement of out-of-pocket travel costs between home and volunteering location.

All these arrangements are binding in honour only and not intended to be legally binding.