

## In-person Volunteering Opportunity

# Research and Interpretation Volunteer

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### What is the project?

*Would you like to know more about the fashions, passions and influences of those who lived at Temple Newsam house? Join us as a volunteer and use their possessions and archive records to reveal stories about their lives. We are hoping to explore interesting and previously untold stories that connect the permanent arts collection at the house with past inhabitants.*

*Volunteers will work closely with the Assistant and Community Curators to investigate local archives and primary sources. These will be used to help develop the reinterpretation of the house, making our collections and stories accessible and appealing to diverse audiences.*

### What's in it for you?

Gain experience of research and interpretation for a country house.

Work with one of the finest publicly owned fine and decorative arts collections in the country

Utilise your own skills and talents

Learn new skills –training will be given in all aspects of the role

Be part of a friendly team

### What's involved?

Research the people and collections at Temple Newsam House

Investigate and transcribe archival material at West Yorkshire Archive Service

Attend induction meetings and relevant training

Be involved in shaping the way the collection is presented to visitors

The role will suit people who are enthusiastic and reliable. You will have good research skills and an eye for detail. Ideally you will have an interest in art or history. You should enjoy working as a team and be keen to learn from and share ideas with others. You should be able to work both with and without supervision when required. All volunteers should be willing to abide by the Council's code of conduct. No qualifications are required as training where necessary will be given.

We welcome applications from a range of backgrounds. If you are shortlisted, please tell us if you require any adjustments to be made to enable you to attend.

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults.

Location: Temple Newsam, Leeds, LS15 0AE. Regular sessions will be based at West Yorkshire Archive Services Leeds, Nephshaw Lane South, Morley, Leeds LS27 7JQ

Time commitment and Day: one day per week, to be confirmed

Duration: May 2022 – May 2023 -you are welcome to be involved for just part of this time!

Expenses: Out of pocket travel costs between home and your volunteering place will be paid up to the value of £6.00 per day.

Further info: For further info contact Corinna Henderson, Assistant Curator, Designation Development Fund Project on [Corinna.henderson@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:Corinna.henderson@leeds.gov.uk)

Closing dates: 19th April 2022

If you are interested, please click on the “Fill in an application” button

<https://museumsandgalleries.leeds.gov.uk/volunteer/>

If you need any help filling in this form, please call 0113 3367840 and ask for the Volunteer and Skills Development Coordinator.

If you already volunteer for us please send an email to: [volunteer@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:volunteer@leeds.gov.uk) stating what you hope to gain from the opportunity and tell us about any experience you have.

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