

Herbert Art Gallery & Museum, Coventry

Volunteer Opportunities January 2012



Thank you for your interest in volunteering at the Herbert Art Gallery & Museum.

The Herbert is part of Coventry Heritage & Arts Trust, a registered charity (Charity No: 1124704) which also looks after the Lunt Roman Fort at Baginton and the Priory Visitor Centre.

We are always looking for volunteers to support us in a variety of different roles and current opportunities are listed below. If you cannot see anything that suits you but you think you can offer us volunteer support in a different way please contact us:

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Current Opportunities

Volunteers are vital to the success of the Herbert Art Gallery & Museum, providing a positive visitor experience in our galleries and welcoming visitors to the museum. Whether you are looking for experience in a gallery environment to support your studies, aid your professional development or just want to spend your spare time supporting us, then these volunteering roles could be for you. We are always looking for people who enjoy talking to the public either in the galleries and or at the main entrances.

You do not need to have a background in culture and heritage but an interest in the arts, heritage, Coventry and the Herbert Art Gallery & Museum would be useful.

Whilst individual roles might be relatively short term, ideally we would like people to volunteer with us for the longer term. We do all we can to develop our volunteers with free training and to develop volunteer roles around individual interests and abilities.

All our volunteers get a reduction both in our shop and the café

1. Herbert Welcome Hosts

Are you friendly and interested in arts and history? Do you like meeting new people?

We need volunteer welcome hosts at the Herbert Art Gallery & Museum.

We would like our **Welcome Hosts** to give all our visitors a friendly welcome as they come in and to find out if they need any help or information.

We'd also like you to ask them where they have come from so we can build a more extensive picture of our audience.

We encourage all our volunteers to ask visitors to consider making a donation to the museum which is a registered charity.

Welcome Hosts are needed 7 days a week. Full training will be given.

Interested?

Please fill in an application form and send it to volunteers@theherbert.org

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2. Welcome Hosts and Live Guides for the George Shaw: I woz ere exhibition 18 November 2011 – 11 March 2012

George Shaw: I woz ere

This is an exhibition of work by George Shaw who grew up in Tile Hill in Coventry. In 1998 Shaw completed an MA in Painting at the Royal College of Art, where he began to paint the Tile Hill area of Coventry from his childhood. Shaw has exhibited internationally, but this is his first solo show in the city where he grew up.

George Shaw was nominated for the Turner Prize 2011.

Welcome Hosts

This role involves welcoming the public to **George Shaw: I woz ere**, handing out gallery guides and encouraging visitors to consider supporting the Herbert's creative programme through donations and comments.

Full training will be given. No prior knowledge of the artist or the exhibition is needed but an interest in art, Coventry and the Herbert would be useful.

Live Guides

This role involves actively encouraging lively, informal and engaging discussion with visitors to the exhibition and providing contextual information about the artworks on display.

Live Guides will provide visitors with information on George Shaw and the exhibition when required. They will be able to direct visitors to other sources of information if more in-depth research is requested.

No prior knowledge of the artist or the exhibition is needed but an interest in art, Coventry and the Herbert would be useful.

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3. Oral History Volunteers and Live Guides for the From Highfield Road to Wembley Way exhibition 5 April – 1 July 2012

From Highfield Road to Wembley Way

This is an exhibition celebrating Coventry City's FA Cup win in 1987, its effect on the people of Coventry and how they celebrated.

Oral History Volunteers

We need a small group of dedicated volunteers for several days each week and one at the weekend.

You will be involved in documenting people's memories about Coventry at the time of the FA Cup. The volunteer's role will include copying memorabilia brought into the gallery by the public and attaching this to the surrounding walls.

Training in oral history recording will be provided.

Live Guides

Live Guides actively encourage lively, informal and engaging discussion with visitors to our exhibitions and provide contextual information about the displays.

Both roles will suit people who enjoy talking, listening and are approachable. A love of football and Coventry City in particular or an interest in social history would be a great help but is by no means essential.

Oral History Volunteers and Live Guides will be needed 7 days a week. Full training will be given.

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4. Natural History Collection Volunteer

Curatorial Support Volunteer

We need a volunteer to support our curators with the cataloguing of our Natural History Collection. Volunteers must be confident to work on their own behind the scenes in our museum stores. Tasks will include cataloguing and inputting information onto our accessions database and recording specimen locations.

Volunteers will need to have an eye for fine detail and be methodical. Ideally we would like a volunteer able to make a regular commitment to this role.

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