



Newport Minster Volunteer Role Profile – Education/Learning Volunteer

Role	Education/learning volunteer
Location	Newport Minster
Times/days	As required – booked in advance
Reporting to	Community Engagement Coordinator

The Minster is the principal church of the Isle of Wight, a Grade 1 listed building, and is a focus for both church and community from all parts of the Island. It is a venue for major church festivals, and recognises the distinctive nature of the Island community.

As a place of worship, we host Island civic and major services welcoming around 700 people to our Remembrance Day Service.

As a place of historic interest, we welcomed 30,000 visitors each year before the pandemic to discover our fascinating history going back almost 1000 years. Visitors also seek a quiet and reflective space for prayer or contemplation.

As a spiritual focus for the Island we enjoy diverse occasions such as live music, theatre, community events and provide a point of engagement with those of other faiths or no faith. We regularly host exhibitions showcasing local artists and local history. The Minster is used as a place of learning providing lectures by local societies and as a space for educational visits. Our weekday café provides refreshments and companionship for those visiting the Minster.

The Minster is a registered charity and relies on volunteers in all areas of our work. We welcome applications from people of all faith/no faith backgrounds for this role.

Learning Volunteers

Our learning volunteers will be adding an extra layer to our visitor experience providing support to deliver our education programme. You will work closely with our community engagement coordinator to provide a learning environment in the Minster. This will include working with school and education visitors of all ages and background.

You may be required to help support production of resources for visits.

As this is a specialised role, experience working in schools and education would be an advantage.

Person Specification:

We are looking for people who:

- Have a friendly, welcoming and approachable manner
- Are comfortable chatting to members of the public especially children and young people
- Have experience working in an education environment
- Are interested in local history and community
- Can work effectively in a team of volunteers
- Happy working independently under direction

Other information

Training will be given for this role including

- Customer service
- Visitor welcome
- Dementia friends
- History and heritage
- Basic Safeguarding Awareness

A full induction will also be carried out.

All volunteers must provide two references and will be subject to a DBS check before beginning the role.

Learning volunteers will be required support visits and events which will be pre-booked and some may take place on evenings and weekends.