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|  | Warship Conservation Volunteer  Role description |

**ROLE TITLE**

Warship Conservation Volunteer

**ROLE TYPE**

Large Object Conservation

**REPORTS TO**

Head of Conservation, HMS Belfast

**ROLE RATIONALE**

Developed in conjunction with the ConservationTeam this is an exciting opportunity for individuals to help us preserve HMS Belfast for future generations. We are looking for candidates who are enthusiastic, approachable and friendly with a genuine interest in museums and can confidently represent the IWM.

Applicants should be available to volunteer 2 days per month. Full training and supervision will also be given. Volunteers will be on duty in support of and not to replace the roles already undertaken by our paid staff.

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| **What will you be doing?** | * To assist with conservation projects as determined by the Conservation & Facilities Manager. * To interact with members of the public where appropriate. |
| **What will you not be doing** | * Volunteers will not undertake the full range of a member of staff. * Volunteers will not be responsible for visitor evacuations or safety systems. |
| **Who are we looking for?** | * A flexible and helpful attitude * Prior experience of engineering or restoration work can be extremely helpful *but is not essential in this volunteer role.* Volunteers will however need to be happy about undertaking practical, hands-on, conservation tasks * A commitment to the conservation and preservation of historic ships * A willingness to share their knowledge and experience with the general public |
| **Commitment** | Ideally the Museum is looking for a Volunteer who can attend on a minimum of two to three days per month. To allow effective project planning the days on which the Volunteer attends should vary as little as possible each month.    Work can be undertaken on any week day between the hours of 9.00 AM and 4.30 PM to suit the availability of the volunteer, but a minimum of four hours attendance would normally be required.  Weekdays and alternate Sundays are on offer. |
| **Benefits to you** | Volunteers will:   * Have an opportunity to be involved in a world-leading organisation * Be part of a team of friendly, like-minded people * Receive training and the opportunity to learn new skills and to apply your learning in a meaningful way * Receive a range of benefits including discounts, invitations to special events and regular news updates * Have an opportunity to get involved in other volunteer roles subject to interest and availability * Reimbursement of travel expenses up to £10 per day |
| **Selection Process** | All prospective volunteers are required to review the role description and tailor their application to demonstrate how they fit the role. The application process is as follows;   * Written application * Attending a Selection Day |
| **Training** | All new volunteers must attend and complete the following training:  • Initial branch induction  • Ongoing Task based training provided by the Warship Conservation Team. |
| **Requirements** | Applicants must undergo a DBS Check  Compliance with the Volunteers Code of Conduct  Wear the expected uniform  18 years +  Demonstrated passion for IWM |
| **Equality and accessibility** | Adults of all ages, cultural backgrounds, abilities and skills are encouraged to become IWM volunteers. All volunteers must ensure that they are able to carry out and commit to the time and learning requirements as set out in the role. There is no upper age limit as long as you continue to be able to fulfil the physical requirements of the role, willing to learn and remember new information and adapt to change as IWM develops. |

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