

Nenescape volunteer role profile – HEAR team

Role title: Nenescape Historical Exploration and Advancement of Research (HEAR) team

Location: You'll have a choice of locations, based on where you live and what research you'd like to do. Locations are likely to include Northampton Museum and Art Gallery, Northampton University, National Leather Collection, Northamptonshire libraries, Wellingborough Museum, Rushden Museum, Oundle Museum, Peterborough Museum and more.

When and how often: We recommend that you spend at least a couple of hours each week volunteering for us, but will be happy to work with people who are able to offer a few hours a month or want to volunteer much more regularly. The choice is yours! Volunteering with partner organisations will be limited to their opening/operating hours, but any volunteering work done at home can of course be at any time that suits you.

Travel required: We will invite you to our office for an informal chat when you have completed an application form. Once you are ready to start volunteering, we will discuss the best location for you to be based.

Travel expenses: We offer you the opportunity to claim back 45p per mile or public transport costs (up to a reasonable limit). We will ensure you have access to an expense claim form and show you what details we need to be shown on it.

Duration of volunteering role: In order for the project to work effectively, we recommend that you are able to offer a couple of months, but we can be flexible and welcome the opportunity to discuss your needs

Potential areas of work:

- Research for heritage trails, panels, events, websites, etc
- Background research for understanding of partner projects
- Archaeological digs, finds washing, research into artefacts
- Oral history interviews
- Going to occasional board meetings, conferences/seminars/etc
- Contributing to website articles and newsletter
- Attending training as necessary.

Why we want you:

You have an interest in the heritage of the area around you and love digging up interesting facts and stories. You would like to learn new skills and are happy to work in team or on your own. You're keen to share your passion with other people and you're a friendly face. You want to gain something for yourself from volunteering with us, whether it's meeting new people or brushing up your CV. You might come from a minority ethnic background or have a disability and want to learn more about your local area. Join a team who will research hidden stories by exploring it through archives, libraries and original artefacts.

What we can offer you:

- Training and ongoing guidance for your role, both from our partner organisations and the Nenescape team
- Social activities in the summer and at Christmas and a social trip
- A branded fleece and name badge

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