



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:

Scott House Collections Care & Conservation

Why do we need you?

Sir Peter Scott's house will open to the public for the first time, in September 2019. The house will be set as it was during Sir Peter's lifetime, and visitors will mainly be given access via guided tours. The house is full of pictures, books, artefacts and furnishings which were part of the Scott family's daily life and which now form the majority of the museum collection. We are looking for volunteers to help with the conservation care of the house's contents to museum standards.

At WWT we believe that the best way for people to understand and connect to wetlands is to experience them, so we bring awe-inspiring nature up close and let it do the talking. At Slimbridge Wetland Centre visitors can explore unique wetland habitats and the amazing array of birds, mammals and amphibians that inhabit them. Our volunteers help to welcome and inspire visitors, and look after our unique habitats and heritage.

Who will be responsible for your role? Curator, Scott House

Where will you be based? WWT Slimbridge Wetland Centre

How much time will it take? 4 hours per week, on a set weekday (day and hours to be determined). There might also be additional opportunities to get involved in our annual deep clean. In order to get the most mutual benefit, we hope that you will be able to commit for a minimum of six months on an either weekly or fortnightly basis.

What will you be doing?

- Assisting with conservation cleaning of objects and furnishings
- Assisting with the wider preventative conservation cleaning programme
- Inventory and condition checking of objects
- Using MODES, our collections management system, to maintain object records
- Conservation monitoring of objects and environment

Who are we looking for?

This role will suit you if you:

- Are interested in heritage and have a respect for historic objects
- Are methodical, with a good eye for detail and manual dexterity
- Enjoy project-based tasks
- Are enthusiastic to learn preventative conservation techniques
- Enjoy a varied workload
- Enjoy being part of a team

- Are physically fit - there will be some lifting involved (not heavy) and occasional need to use a step ladder to access objects
- Are computer literate
- Are able to follow verbal instructions and written procedures

How will you benefit?

- Volunteer in an inspiring environment and get closer to nature
- Great way to learn new skills
- Make a real contribution to the conservation work of WWT
- Free entry to all WWT wetland centres throughout the UK on presentation of your WWT name badge
- Discount in WWT shops and cafes
- WWT uniform provided
- Induction and training provided
- Become part of a friendly and dedicated team
- Meet like-minded people
- Be trained in a specialised skill that is transferable to other museums and historic houses

General notes:

Getting to the Centre: Road: Slimbridge Wetland Centre is 2 miles off the A38. There is a large car park with ample car parking spaces and there is a bike rack available for staff volunteers. Rail: Cam & Dursley rail station is a 3.5 mile cycle or taxi ride away. Bus: Unfortunately there is no bus service directly to Slimbridge: the nearest services stop is at the A38, 2 miles walk from the Centre. New for 2019: we are trialling a free minibus service for volunteers to/from the nearest train station and bus stops. Please ask your line manager if you would like to access this service.

We regret that we are not in a position to reimburse expenses incurred in travelling to and from the centre, but any pre-agreed expenses incurred in the course of your duties will be reimbursed.

This position is entirely voluntary and is therefore unpaid. Any offer of a volunteer placement is not intended to create a legally binding contract between us and any agreement may be cancelled at any time at the discretion of either party. Neither of us intends any employment relationship to be created either now or at any time in the future.

How to Apply:

Full details of this role and an online application form can be found at www.wwt.org.uk/volunteer . If you have any problems locating the information or filling out the application form please email volunteer.slimbridge@wwt.org.uk

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