



## **Historical Blogger Volunteer (Remote) – Role Summary**

It's not just visitor assistants and tour guides who make a historic building come alive – we also need dedicated people behind the scenes. Blog posts can help to raise awareness about the guildhall and its role in the heart of Coventry's civic life over the centuries. There are plenty of new and exciting subjects, even in this 700-year-old guildhall! Working with a set topic, and an informal deadline in mind, you will use the internet and other local resources to create a blog post for our website.

### **What's Involved?**

- Working with our Volunteer Co-ordinator to follow a set research topic
- Corresponding with other volunteer researchers, over email or on Teams
- Using a range of digital sources (for example Google Scholar, Coventry Atlas) and crediting them correctly
- Potentially consulting other resources such as material at Coventry Archives
- Preparing a short blog post about your topic to be posted onto a dedicated blog on our website

### **This role will suit you if you are...**

- Interested in local history and uncovering hidden details
- Looking to develop your writing skills
- Excited to learn more about the behind-the-scenes life of a heritage site
- Keen to volunteer remotely and engage with like-minded people
- Able to access and search the internet at home or in a local library
- Experience with conducting research is desirable but not essential

## Additional Information

**Time Commitment:** Flexible, with an informal deadline set up between you and the Volunteer Co-ordinator

**Training:** The Volunteer Co-ordinator will outline expectations for the research, and you will mutually agree upon details such as a topic and provisional deadline. Please note that St Mary's Guildhall will retain the overall editorial approval of the blog content

**Expenses:** Not applicable as this is a remote role, however benefits include free entry to the guildhall if you are able to visit in the future, and the opportunity to attend special online events

## About St Mary's Guildhall

First built in 1342, St Mary's Guildhall is one of the finest examples in the country, and has acted as a council meeting place, archive, soup kitchen and dance hall over the centuries. Many aspects of the guildhall's history are still little known, for example Shakespeare's visits with his travelling theatre company and Frederick Douglass' anti-slavery speech in 1847. We are particularly interested in uncovering hidden histories, such as the lives and legacies of people from minority backgrounds.

To apply for this role, please complete our Expression of Interest form on the following page.



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## Volunteering at St Mary's Guildhall – Expression of Interest Form

Forename: \_\_\_\_\_ Surname: \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Post Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile No: \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B: \_\_\_\_\_

### Volunteer role you are applying for (please circle one):

Visitor Welcome / Learning & Engagement / Photographer / Historical Blogger

In the space below, please explain why you are interested in this role, and include any relevant experience you may have.

### Reference Details

Please provide the details of one referee, who we may contact after your volunteer interview. This person could be somebody that you have worked or volunteered for, or they could be a university/college tutor.

Name of referee: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to you (e.g. tutor, manager): \_\_\_\_\_

Organisation: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to the Volunteer Co-ordinator, by email to

[frankierhodes@noordinaryhospitality.com](mailto:frankierhodes@noordinaryhospitality.com) or by hand/post to St Mary's Guildhall, Bayley

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