



Volunteer Case Study

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How long have you been a volunteer?

Two years.

Why did you decide to volunteer at the Quilt Museum and Gallery?

I decided to get involved because I met the Volunteer Organiser at a Volunteer Recruitment Fair in Parliament Square. A copy of the 1718 Patchwork coverlet was hung up and I couldn't resist going over for a chat.

Describe your role at the Quilt Museum and Gallery.

I volunteer once a week in the Library. I have also undertaken various administrative tasks such as data entry.

I have assisted with an Exhibition Changeover. I have also helped with sewing projects.

What new skills have you gained from being a volunteer?

I have learnt how to use the library database to catalogue books.

I have been taught the correct way to handle quilts.

Would you recommend volunteering with us?

I definitely would. Not only do you learn new skills, you meet lots of people and make new friends too.

The Museum staff and other volunteers are really helpful and supportive. They make the whole volunteering experience worthwhile.