

# Volunteer Role

## Walking Routes Interpretation Volunteer



### Volunteering with the Union Chain Bridge Project

Volunteers are an extremely important part of the Union Chain Bridge project. Our volunteers will be vital for several of our activities including uncovering detailed information through research. Volunteering is a great way to gain experience and develop skills in something you really enjoy, as well as to meet new people and learn about the history and heritage of the area. All our volunteers will be supported by the project team and training will be provided.

### The Union Chain Bridge Project

*Union Chain Bridge: Crossing Borders, Inspiring Communities* is an ambitious project involving the conservation of the historically and internationally significant Union Chain Bridge, and an extensive programme of public engagement funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund. The project is a partnership between Northumberland County Council, Scottish Borders Council, Museums Northumberland and the Friends of the Union Chain Bridge. In this partnership, Museums Northumberland is responsible for the Volunteer Programme and the delivery of all heritage learning and engagement activities.

<b>Roles purposes</b>	<p>We are looking for volunteers who, with training and support, will work with the UCB project team to research and develop content and interpretation materials for the proposed walking routes in the vicinity of the Union Chain Bridge.</p> <p>The content will be used to produce a number of walking guides for the general public to download from the project website and to inform volunteer-led walks around the area.</p>
<b>What the role will involve</b>	<p>The main focus of the role will involve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Researching and developing content and interpretation materials for the proposed walking routes in the vicinity of the Union Chain Bridge.</li><li>• Researching examples of good practice and popular local walking trails.</li><li>• Co-creating online walking resources with professional interpretation experts to create a public walking guide resource.</li></ul> <p>Although not an essential requirement of the role, volunteers may be interested in walking the suggested routes, testing and recording detail about them.</p>

<b>When</b>	<p>Spring 2021 - April 2022.</p> <p>Walks development and testing: To a large extent you will be able to manage your own work schedule with guidance from the project team.</p>
<b>Where</b>	<p>This activity will be flexible in that volunteers will also be able to take part from home remotely but will be expected to keep in regular contact with the co-ordinators.</p> <p>Where possible, Berwick Museum and Art Gallery will be the main base for the project, however some of the work will take place at local heritage sites.</p>
<b>Requirements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An interest in history, natural history and local culture</li> <li>• Ability to work on your own and in a team</li> <li>• Attendance at appropriate training to develop your skills</li> <li>• Capacity to walk for 3 miles at your own pace (if testing walking routes).</li> </ul>
<b>Our commitment To you</b>	<p>Through this role you will gain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Experience of working with maps and interpreting them.</li> <li>• The opportunity to develop your knowledge of local history, geography, natural history and culture with a focus on the Union Chain Bridge.</li> <li>• Experience of working independently, yet as part of a bigger team.</li> </ul> <p>We will also reimburse reasonable out-of-pocket expenses for travel – further details can be found in the volunteer handbook.</p>
<b>Training</b>	<p>Volunteers will receive a mixture of internally and externally delivered training including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Equality &amp; Diversity</li> <li>• Text Writing and design</li> <li>• Equality &amp; diversity</li> <li>• Basic map-reading and recording</li> </ul>
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