**MUSEUM TOUR GUIDE VOLUNTEER**

The Brunel Museum celebrates the Thames Tunnel – one of the greatest Victorian engineering achievements and the first successful underwater tunnel in the world.

Our volunteers are at the forefront of visitor experience at the Brunel Museum and we are now able to offer a wider range of exciting new volunteering opportunities. These roles will support the museum’s expanded activity programme, whilst offering the chance to learn skills, gain experience and meet new people.

We’re looking for engaging and enthusiastic individuals to deliver guided tours of the Brunel Museum to visitors, at least once a month, during our Guided Tour Weekends and on our regular opening days. With further training, guides can also give tours to private group bookings outside of our regular opening hours and deliver talks on the Thames Tunnel’s history at external venues.

(Please see website for our full opening times and Guided Tour Weekend dates).

**What we can offer**

* A friendly, supportive environment and an opportunity to learn about the Brunels and the Thames Tunnel (no prior knowledge required)
* An [award-winning team](https://thebrunelmuseum.com/brunel-volunteers-recognised-at-london-heritage-volunteer-awards/) of museum volunteers
* Volunteer buddy system with existing volunteers welcoming and supporting new volunteers in their roles
* Training opportunities through attending external courses and receiving in-house training relevant to your role
* Volunteers’ get-togethers and thank you events
* Flexibility and volunteer shifts to suit your availability
* Opportunities to share your views and provide suggestions / input.
* An occasion to give back to the community
* Valuable experience at an accredited museum for your career development

**Conditions of work**

* Must be available on at least one Saturday / Sunday a month from either 10:30am to 2:30pm or 1:30pm to 5pm
* Wider availability throughout the week and on our regular open days (Fridays, Sundays, Mondays) also ideal
* This is a voluntary position, but expenses can be covered
* Reporting to the Museum Director
* Ongoing

**Role description:**

* Provide a warm welcome to all visitors on arrival, whether at the reception desk or elsewhere onsite
* Introduce visitors to the Brunel Museum and the Thames Tunnel story
* Deliver 30 to 45-minute guided tours to visitors in both the museum’s Engine House exhibition and Grade II\* listed Thames Tunnel Shaft (training provided)
* (With additional training) deliver tours for private group bookings outside of our ordinary opening hours
* (With additional training) deliver talks on the Thames Tunnel at other venues
* Encourage and invite donations from visitors

Any questions about the role should be directed to the Operations Coordinator, Robert Keirle, in the first instance, hello@thebrunelmuseum.com

**Deadline:** Please complete the attached form and return to the Brunel Museum hello@thebrunelmuseum.com . Please note we are looking for someone to start as soon as possible.

The Brunel Museum, Railway Avenue, London, SE16 4LF

[www.thebrunelmuseum.com](http://www.brunel-museum.org.uk/)

Please note that The Brunel Museum is committed to equal opportunities in employment and ensuring that no one is denied opportunities or discriminated against through prejudice or exclusion due to characteristics protected under the Equality Act. The successful candidate will be subject to an enhanced disclosure from the Disclosure & Barring Service and appropriate references.

If you have a disability which means you are unable to meet some of the job requirements, specifically because of your disability, please address this in your application. If you meet all the other criteria, you will be short-listed and we will explore jointly with you if there are ways in which the job can be changed to enable you to meet the requirements.

**Appendix 1**

**The Brunel Museum’s Charitable Objects**:

1. To preserve and encourage the preservation for the public benefit of the Engine House situated in Rotherhithe Street, Greater London and the precincts thereof by such means as may be necessary.
2. To educate the public in the appreciation of the engineering works of Marc and Isambard Brunel, particularly the construction of the Thames Tunnel, and to publish and catalogue, leaflet or other material in connection herewith; and
3. To provide a recreational facility for local residents and for the public at large at Rotherhithe and, subject thereto, to generally enhance the surrounding conservation area.

**The Brunel Museum’s 6 Strategic Aims 2019- 2024**

1.  We will put place-making at the heart of Brunel’s London story.

2. We will interpret broadly the many stories of our buildings and our collection.

3. We will bring more people to Brunel’s story and legacy.

4.  We will help to inspire a new generation of engineers.

5.  We will encourage growth and sustainability through commercial prowess.

6.  We will ensure effective governance and administration.