

Colchester Museums Work Experience Role Description

Role title	Colchester Museums Work Experience Placement
Role purpose	Colchester Museums combine thousands of years of human history and the study of the natural world across three museums sites: Colchester Castle, Hollytrees Museum and the Natural History Museum. We believe young people should be encouraged to think about museum skills throughout their education. By opening up access to our collections and revealing those members of staff 'behind the scenes', we want to encourage more young people to think about the skills they might need to work in a museum.
Role description	Our work experience programme offers an exciting 5 days experience of a variety of museum roles from collections and learning, to visitor services and exhibitions. Participants will work as part of a team supervised by Colchester Museums staff. Through a structured programme, students will undertake a variety of important tasks such as: handling, cataloguing and repackaging a variety of collections, supporting public events run by the Visitor Services, understanding the role of the exhibitions team and helping gather public feedback.
Reports to	Glynn Davis, Senior Collections and Learning Curator
Where	Museum Resource Centre, 40 Heckworth Close, Colchester, CO4 9TB and Colchester Castle, Castle Park, Colchester, CO1 1TJ
When	12 - 16th August or 27 - 30th August (4 days due to bank holiday) Monday - Friday, 10am - 4pm (including an hour lunch break)
Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Between (or just completed) academic years 10 and 12. • Able to commit to a five day work experience programme • An interest in museums and heritage and motivated to find out more
What's in it for you	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience working with museum professionals • Handle collections and learn how they are cared for • Develop knowledge about how a museum operates • Develop transferable skills and improve your CV • Find out if working in museums career might be a career for you!
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