

# RUSSELL-COTES

HOUSE · GALLERY · GARDEN

## Role description: Musical Volunteer

<b>Role title:</b>	Musical Volunteer
<b>Project description:</b>	To play music at the museum to enhance the visitor experience
<b>Project manager:</b>	Ruaidhri O'Mahony
<b>Project supervisor (if different):</b>	Duty Keyholder for the day
<b>Where:</b>	Russell-Cotes Art Gallery & Museum
<b>When:</b>	<p>Any day Tuesday to Sunday, any time from 10.00am to 5.00pm, and with the opportunity of some evenings and special events</p> <p>We also try to programme a Musical Volunteer in for the last Tuesday of every month, so that there is a guaranteed time for visitors to come if they want to hear music in the historic house.</p>
<b>Commitment:</b>	No minimum time commitment. Some people like to come in once a week and others once a month, some play for an afternoon and others all day - the role is flexible to suit you.
<b>Duration:</b>	Ongoing
<b>Requirements: (skills etc)</b>	<p>Enthusiasm for bringing the historic house and museum to life for visitors and evening hirers.</p> <p>Skills: We need a performance standard musician with a classical repertoire to include pieces of music from the Victorian/Edwardian era but not exclusively.</p> <p>Tasks: To play on a drop-in basis in the museum and at evening events. Music must be copyright-free.</p> <p>Sensitivity to the response of visitors and to other activities in the house. Please be aware that this is not a formal performance, but background music designed to create a wonderful atmosphere for visitors.</p>

<b>What's in it for you:</b>	<p>Delight and satisfaction of making a hugely positive impact on the visitor enjoyment. Of gaining live performance experience in a friendly and welcoming environment.</p> <p>Be part of our wonderful volunteer team – regular opportunities to meet new people.</p>
<b>Why we want you:</b>	<p>We are seeking to build on our current success with our small team of musical volunteers who play in the historic house for the enjoyment of our visitors. We hope to extend our musical offer to string and wind instruments although pianists are always welcome.</p> <p>We would love more volunteers who like to play in Victorian costume, but this is not compulsory!</p>
<b>Training:</b>	<p>Fire Induction, Health and Safety Induction, Tour of the house</p>
<b>For more information, contact:</b>	<p>Ruaidhri O'Mahony  Visitor Services Team Leader  ruaidhri.o'mahony@bcpcouncil.gov.uk  01202 451802</p>
<b>Notes:</b>	<p>Free tea and coffee is available for volunteers in the staff kitchen.</p> <p>We offer regular opportunities for volunteers to get together and meet each other. We also hold knowledge-sharing sessions with our Collections teams, and Curator-led tours of our main exhibitions so that you can get a great insight into the story and the collection</p> <p>We are not currently able to pay volunteer expenses and we ask prospective candidates to consider the implications of this on their travel expenses before applying.</p> <p>References are sought before taking on new volunteers, and we always ask you to come in for a chat before starting the role, to ensure that it is the right opportunity for you.</p>
<b>Last reviewed</b>	<p>3 February 2020</p>