

Bridging the Tamar Learning Centre

Volunteer Bridge Ambassadors

Bridge Ambassadors are volunteers who engage people with two of the iconic structures which connect Devon and Cornwall – the Tamar Bridge and the Royal Albert Bridge.

You could be giving guided tours of the Tamar Bridge, welcoming visitors as they stop off at our Learning Centre on their way to Cornwall, or inspiring children on a school trip.



Why volunteer?

- Increase your confidence
- Gain an insight into the work of the STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths) sectors and develop your skills
- Feel a sense of achievement knowing you are part of the Tamar Bridge's history
- Meet like-minded people and work as part of a team
- Enjoy the satisfaction of giving something back to your community

What's involved?

- Bridge Ambassadors are positive and engaging champions of the Bridges and the Bridging the Tamar Learning Centre.
- There are 4 core volunteer roles which Bridge Ambassadors may choose to fulfil:
 - **Visitor Welcome Assistants**, who deliver a friendly welcome to all visitors to the Learning Centre and Tamar Bridge



- **Bridge Guides**, who deliver guided tours to the general public and other groups on and around the Tamar Bridge and in the Learning Centre, about the Tamar and Royal Albert Bridges
- **Learning Assistants**, who assist the delivery of primary and secondary school workshops and tours during term time and assist with family activities during school holidays.
- **Research Assistants**, who find out more about the histories and people linked to the two bridges

You will suit being a Bridge Ambassador if you:

- Have excellent communication skills
- Are enthusiastic about the project
- Have a polite, positive and friendly manner
- Are happy to learn as you go (previous experience of industrial heritage isn't essential and full training on the history and workings of the bridges will be provided)
- Are aged 18 or over

About the Bridging the Tamar Project

The Learning Centre opened in 2019 and provides school workshops on the theme of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics), guided tours, and free exhibits.

The team of volunteers are the public face of the Bridge and they directly impact the experience of all visitors.

The Centre is funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund and the Tamar Crossings.

What to do next

Please register your interest by downloading the Volunteer Registration Form directly from <https://www.bridgingthetamar.org.uk/volunteering/> or collect a form from the Bridge Offices.

Once we've read your registration form we will be in contact with you to arrange an informal meeting to discuss what being a Bridge Ambassador will involve, ensure it is right for you and that you are the right fit for the project; if so you will be invited to become a Bridge Ambassador.

You will then be asked to select a specific role (or roles) to be trained in (Bridge Tour Guide, Visitor Welcome Assistant, Learning Assistant or Research Assistant). You will receive a full induction to the project and training for your particular role.

Your expenses will be reimbursed. A DBS check will be required for every role; this is administered and paid for by the Learning Centre.

Contact the Heritage Officer on 01752 361577 or e-mail volunteer@tamarcrossings.org.uk if you wish to discuss anything further or would like assistance with expressing your interest.

