

Bridging the Tamar Bridge Ambassador Archive and Research Volunteer

Purpose of the role

This is a key role in uncovering stories about the Tamar and Royal Albert Bridges so that we can add to our knowledge of the subjects and enrich our tours and exhibitions. You will research stories and people related to the bridges.

We are looking for friendly communicators with an eye for detail who enjoy following leads, using their initiative, are keen to learn about the history of the bridges and share this knowledge with visitors in an accessible way. We are always on the lookout for new stories or to deepen knowledge of existing subjects.

The Bridging the Tamar archive comprises over 40,000 images some of which are digitally stored, and some are original photographs. We starting to physically and digitally organise and develop this archive.

The Learning Centre enables visitors to enjoy and learn more about the history of the Tamar and Royal Albert Bridge, including their design and construction, social history and the River Tamar. The Centre also explores how the bridges operate today including civil engineering and maintenance, control room operation, toll collection and traffic management.

What's involved?

- Undertake research online or in record offices into the various stories and people linked to the bridges.
- Record the information and images you find in a clear and engaging manner; and review our historical images
- Ensure you follow any copyright procedures and adhere to the Copyright Policy (Heritage)
- Liaise with the Bridging the Tamar staff and volunteer team to share your findings
- Be a positive advocate the Bridging the Tamar project
- Assist the Heritage Officer with digitally or physically organising or documenting the archive in the Tamar Bridge Offices.



People who suit this role will be:

- Someone who loves history
- Someone with a flexible approach to working as part of a team; willing to use their initiative and also follow up an enquiry
- Happy working by themselves (either remotely at home or in the Tamar Bridge Offices)
- Organised and able to manage their own time

Training

We'll provide a full induction and training tailored to the role.

Extra information

- This role can be done remotely, or you can come into our offices to do the role.
- If doing it remotely you will need to be able to access a computer, internet connection and have a basic knowledge of using Microsoft Word.
- Any documentary or other material (including any copyright applying thereto) you are provided with or created by you in respect of your volunteering will be the property and copyright of Tamar Crossings (unless otherwise agreed in writing).
- We'll reimburse travel expenses between home and the Tamar Bridge.
- You may wish to combine this role with other roles such as Volunteer Bridge Guide. As part of our safeguarding responsibility a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) certificate is required for these voluntary roles; this is organised and paid for by us. If you undertake only the Archive and Research Volunteer role you would not be required to undertake a DBS check.
- Any subscriptions to research organisations or websites will be paid for by us if deemed a good use of resources.

Contact us

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