

Family History Volunteer

Main purpose

To support the public with basic Family History research

What would I be doing?

Running a weekly drop-in session as an introduction to Family History research:

- Explain and demonstrate how Ancestry.com & findmypast.co.uk works
- Using other free online genealogical websites
- Help people to interpret the information they find
- Support them with documenting their findings
- Encourage them to persist with research
- Help staff at any linked events

When can I do my volunteering?

One morning a week at Central Library.

Where will I be volunteering?

The Local Studies area of Central Library

Who will be there with me?

Library staff will be on hand for support and in some cases other volunteers may be with you.

Support and review

Regular support and guidance will be given by the Heritage Development Librarian. There will be a 4-week trial period to ensure that all is going well – another volunteer opportunity may be suggested if the trial period has shown that this would be better for both parties.

Training, resources and information

A full induction will be given, and further training offered where appropriate.

Am I right for this opportunity?

This opportunity would suit someone who:

- Is passionate about Family History!
- Has up-to-date ICT Skills
- Has experience of Ancestry.com and Findmypast.co.uk



- Has good communication skills and is patient

What will I get from volunteering?

Benefits include:

- Sharing your passion of Family History!
- Experience of running a drop-in session and giving support to the public
- Meeting and socialising with other local people with shared interests
- A deeper understanding of the libraries service

