



## Collections Volunteer

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### How can I help?

At Dr Jenner's House, Museum and Garden we tell the story of one of the great innovations in world history; the discovery of vaccination by country doctor Edward Jenner. We want people to understand the significance of the work that took place in Gloucestershire two hundred years ago and to be inspired by Jenner's legacy. Open to the public as a museum since 1985, we now welcome 5,000 visitors from all over the world to Jenner's former home every year.

At the heart of the museum is our collection of items relating to Jenner and his legacy. From lancets and cow horns, to paintings and medical reports; it's what our visitors come to see, but only a tiny portion of it is on display at any one time. Our Collections Volunteers help care for it and keep it accessible so that it will always be there for people wanting to find out more about the history of disease eradication.

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### What will I do?

As a Collections Volunteer you could:

- Help document new objects when they arrive at the museum;
- Assist with collections monitoring and cleaning;
- Work with other members of the team to plan and prepare new displays;
- Carry out research using the museum's collection;
- Find out more about activities at Dr Jenner's House through regular meetings and briefings.

In addition, some of our Collections Volunteers also take part in the museum's events programme, checking tickets for evening talks or stewarding our Discovery Day science festival.

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### Is it for me?

This could be the role for you if you:

- Love history and want to find out more about Edward Jenner's life and legacy;
- Are patient and have an eye for detail;
- Have an interest in helping others to find out more about history;
- Don't mind the occasional repetitive task;
- Enjoy working as part of a team;
- Are mindful of working safely and keeping yourself, others and objects from harm.

Previous experience of museum documentation or archival research may be an advantage but is not necessary as a full induction and ongoing training is provided.

The museum is open seasonally, usually between April and October, however collections work continues throughout the year and, in fact, there's often more to do during the closed period as we get our displays

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ready for the coming year. Most of our Collections Volunteers come in for part of a day once a week, however you can come in as often, or as little, as you like. To get the most out of the role you may wish to volunteer at least once a fortnight.

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### **What else do I need to know?**

Volunteering at Dr Jenner's House, Museum and Garden is a great way to learn new skills, meet like-minded people and, of course, make a real contribution to our work as an independent charity. Our volunteer group is vibrant and friendly and there are regular social events and outings. Volunteers also receive free entry to most of our events, free entry to the museum for you and up to four friends/family members visiting with you, and a 20% discount in the museum shop.

Dr Jenner's House is located in the centre of Berkeley, about 2 miles from the A38. There is plenty of free parking and bike racks on site. Most of our volunteers drive or cycle as getting to Berkeley by public transport is difficult, if not impossible. The nearest railway station is Cam & Dursley. There is no direct bus service from the station, it is a ten minute walk to connect to the 62 bus service which links Dursley to Bristol, via Berkeley. We are unfortunately not in a position to reimburse expenses incurred in travelling to and from the museum.

We do need to say that this position is entirely voluntary and is therefore unpaid. If we offer you a volunteer placement there is no intention to create a legally binding contract between us. Any agreement may be cancelled at the discretion of either party. Neither of us intends any employment relationship to be created either now or at any time in the future.

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To apply for this role online please visit [jennermuseum.com/volunteer](http://jennermuseum.com/volunteer). If you'd like more information or need any help completing the form please contact 01453 810631 or email [info@edwardjenner.co.uk](mailto:info@edwardjenner.co.uk).