

# Boat Guiding Volunteer



## What would I do?

- *Bring Regent's Canal and Islington Tunnel alive for boat trip visitors at London Canal Museum – guide 45 minute boat trips (skipped by the boat owners), sharing the history of the canals and tunnel for around a dozen visitors in each trip*
- *Ensure the health and safety and wellbeing of visitors while on the boat, and while embarking and disembarking, supported by the skipper and Front of House volunteers*
- *Support Front of House volunteers with the boat trip visitors as they arrive at the museum and are checked in*
- *Attend training in April 2018 and be available to guide 2-3 trips a day, on 3-6 of the following 2018 dates:*
  - *Thursdays 10th and 24th May, 14th and 28th June, 12th and 26th July, 9th and 23rd August, and 13th and 27th September, and the second and fourth Sundays of the month May to October, inclusive.*

## What sort of person should I be?

- *Outgoing and interested in people*
- *Confident in public speaking with a good level of English*
- *Responsible and reliable*
- *Keen to inspire others with the history of Regent's Canal*
- *Able to work well in a small team*

- *It is desirable but not essential for volunteers to have previous experience of guiding and visitor engagement work (e.g. walks, giving talks, guiding on boats/other forms of transport)*

## **What could I gain?**

- *Build your experience of heritage guiding and visitor engagement*
- *Meet and inspire visitors from all over the world*
- *Have the opportunity to socialise with fellow volunteers at events – you will be a part of a community of over 70 volunteers of all ages and backgrounds*
- *Learn about the history of London's canals, the people who lived and worked on them, and their place in the industrial revolution, as well as the ice trade and history of the building*
- *Free entry to the museum and museum events, 10% off in our shop, discounted venue hire and 50% off museum entry for up to 4 friends and family at a time*

**If you're interested in helping out contact [volunteering@canalmuseum.org.uk](mailto:volunteering@canalmuseum.org.uk) for how to apply.**

