

Volunteer Role Description

JORVIK Viking Festival Events Volunteer



What is the JORVIK Viking Festival?

Organised by The JORVIK Group (the attractions and events division of the York Archaeological Trust) The [JORVIK Viking Festival](#) is an annual celebration of York's Viking heritage with events across the city centre. A program of expert talks, re-enactments, family events, feasts, fairs and more has attracted visitors to York from across the world for more than thirty years.

What do Events Volunteers do?

Events volunteers add additional enhancements to the visitor experience at our attractions and Viking Festival events celebrating York's Viking history and archaeology. This could be meeting and greeting visitors, offering directions and answering visitor questions on our volunteer information hubs, helping steward events or supporting our interactive staff with our program of hands-on crafting and family events.

Where Will I Be Volunteering?

All volunteering takes place at the JORVIK Group's city centre attractions, as well as partner venues, marquees and pop-up venues in York City Centre.

Some volunteering can take place outdoors applicants, so applicants should be comfortable volunteering in an outdoor environment in winter. Branded uniform jackets and fleeces will be provided, . For anyone with difficulties standing for significant periods or volunteering in cold weather, we can assist in signposting opportunities which take place indoors with seating.

Who does the role suit?

This is an ideal role for anyone who would like to gain experience in, or who is interested in festival or heritage events. Volunteers will be able to offer a friendly, enthusiastic and welcome reception to a range of visitors, and deliver information on festival events that will be communicated at briefings ahead of the festival and on the day of your volunteering.

Induction, Training & Support

All volunteers will be asked to attend a choice of welcome and briefing sessions ahead of the Festival week. Event schedules, venue directions and other useful information will also be given to you ahead of the festival for you to familiarise yourself with in order to be able to answer visitor enquiries. Support on the day will be given by the volunteering team, Events team and venue and site managers.



What Will I Gain from Volunteering?

Meet new people

You will be part of a friendly team of volunteers and staff at the Viking festival, which each year attracts visitors from all over the world to York.

Contribute to the work of the York Archaeological Trust

As an educational charity, our volunteers help us engage visitors in our attractions and events with the history and archaeology of York and the work of YAT, and enhance visitor experience.

Be part of a unique event

JORVIK Viking Festival is one of the largest and longest-running events of its kind in Europe. Volunteers get involved in a range of opportunities across the Festival to help us deliver a programme of re-enactment, family events, expert talks and more through the week of the JORVIK Viking Festival.

Hours & Involvement

A flexible rota is offered for volunteers to sign up to the sessions they wish to get involved at, with sessions typically running between 2-3 hours.

Uniform

We ask volunteers to wear a warm, dark top, dark trousers or black jeans and dark shoes or boots. You will be provided with a branded volunteer badge or lanyard to identify you as part of the Festival volunteer team.

How do I apply?

Applications are open from 5th December 2021—5th January 2022. To apply through our online application form, [click here](#). For more information or if you have any questions, please email volunteer@yorkat.co.uk.


