

‘Method in the Madness’ Exhibition Volunteer

Department Name: Hall’s Croft

Volunteer Supervisor: Visitor Welcome Team Leader

The Shakespeare Birthplace Trust is an independent charity which cares for the world’s greatest Shakespeare heritage sites in Stratford upon Avon, and promotes the enjoyment and understanding of his works, life and times all over the world. Celebrating Shakespeare is at the heart of everything we do. Our volunteer team help us achieve these goals, so join us and help create a wonderful experience for our global audiences.

Why join us?

Method in the Madness: Understanding Ourselves Then & Now is a new exhibition, exploring medicine in the life of William Shakespeare’s son in law, the physician John Hall (1575-1635). Find out how John and his patients understood their bodies and minds and how this influenced medical practice. Learn about advances in anatomy and physiology and how the quest to better understand ‘ourselves’ continues even today.

What will you be up to?

- To welcome and provide information to visitors about the Method in the Madness exhibition at Hall’s Croft.
- To talk about the exhibition and the exhibits to visitors of Hall’s Croft.
- To help monitor capacity numbers within exhibition space.
- To monitor the safety of the exhibits and visitors.
- To aid in health and safety and evacuation of the exhibition should it be needed.
- To let our visitors know what else they will experience on their visit to Hall’s Croft.

Do you have the skills we are looking for?

- A general interest in medical matters and the history of medicine and an understanding of mental health - illnesses and diseases, but information and training will be provided!
- Good people skills with the ability to talk confidently to both individuals & groups of people.
- Good team worker.
- Ability to learn background information about the exhibition, and the Shakespeare Houses.
- Ability to ensure health and safety guidelines are followed and to be responsible for your own personal health and safety.

How often would we like you to volunteer?

A regular commitment of 4 hours or above would be ideal; either a morning, an afternoon, an evening or a full day a week would assist us in planning.

Length of the volunteering role?

Ongoing

Good to know

- Volunteers to wear own smart clothing in branded colours (red, black, white or grey)
- Volunteer badges will be provided
- Smoking is not allowed on site
- Food and drink is not allowed on site
- Training will be provided as necessary

Benefits of joining us

- On completion of 20 hours volunteering for the Trust, all volunteers receive a volunteer card giving free entry to SBT properties and a range of discounts
- Annual service award each February for volunteers who have achieved 200 hours or more of volunteering in the previous year
- Volunteer celebration days and coffee morning chats will be programmed throughout the year
- We can provide references
- We can provide reimbursement of travel expenses only. Maximum of £10 per day
- You can be involved in our Volunteer Forum; Volunteer Voices



Have any questions...

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