

## **VOLUNTEER ROLE DESCRIPTION VOLUNTEER BLOGGER**



Location: Remote (at home)

Start Date: February 2024

Hours: Flexible

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### **About the role**

Are you a creative writer with an interest in the programme and themes of the National Science and Media Museum?

Volunteer Bloggers develop a range of blog posts responding to our museum's programme, including its exhibitions and festivals. We encourage all volunteers to apply their own creative approach when responding to and reviewing our programme and we welcome topics inspired by or touched on in our collections and wider programmes. You will be given blog guidelines to follow and lots of tips and ideas for where to start. During the year, there are sometimes opportunities to connect with our staff, external supporters or guest speakers ([see this great example](#) from one of our volunteer bloggers in 2024).

In this role, it helps to live locally to make the most of opportunities to visit the museum and experience our events and exhibitions first hand, but you can volunteer in this role from anywhere in the world.

For examples of previous blog posts by our volunteers as well as staff and collaborators, please visit <https://blog.scienceandmediamuseum.org.uk>, or find a list of some of our favourites at the end of this document.

### **In this role you will:**

- Write blog posts exploring aspects of our museum's programme, exhibitions or collections.
- Liaise with museum staff to develop your content
- Where relevant, undertake research to develop your blog post

## What you'll bring to the role:

This role is perfect for people who:

- Enjoy writing and are motivated to create engaging, interesting and well written content
- Enjoy undertaking independent research on subjects explored by our museum
- Are looking to improve their writing skills by contributing to the online content of a national museum.

It would be good if you:

- Are interested in, or knowledgeable about, the museum and are keen to promote its programme

## Some things you need to know:

- To volunteer in this role, you must be 18 or over.
- All volunteers must attend an online taster session and a welcome session to join this role (held on Microsoft Teams). You must be available for one of each of these:
  - **Taster:** 13.30-14.30, Tues 25 Feb, or 17.30-18.30 the same day
  - **Welcome:** 13.30-14.30, Tues 4 March, or 17.30-18.30 the same day
  - Please let us know your availability through this online form, or email us: <https://forms.office.com/e/eiY0K510dj>
- This role is remote, which means you can volunteer from wherever you live as long as you have a device with a word processor (such as Microsoft Word) and the ability to use email to be in touch with our team. It may be an advantage to you to be local, as you can visit our museum in person, but this isn't essential.
- All blog posts shared as part of this role will be checked by our Comms team (and our Curatorial team where appropriate) before publishing. You will have feedback and support with producing your blog post(s).

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## How to apply

Interested? We welcome your application. You can apply for this volunteer role via our Careers Site: <https://www.sciencemuseumgroup.org.uk/work-for-us/volunteering/>. You can choose to apply online, or download an application form from the role advert on the website and send it to [volunteer.nsmm@scienceandmediamuseum.org.uk](mailto:volunteer.nsmm@scienceandmediamuseum.org.uk). We are also open to alternatives such as applying over the phone, so do let us know how we can support you.

We wish you every success with your application. We believe in a culture that recognises and values different experiences, mindsets, and expertise, so we welcome applications from all backgrounds.

If you need help with your application or would like to talk to us about what we can do to support you through this process, please email our Volunteer Manager Alice at [volunteer.nsmm@scienceandmediamuseum.org.uk](mailto:volunteer.nsmm@scienceandmediamuseum.org.uk) or call 01274 203340.

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## Blogs written by our volunteers:

[Fatal Femme: A Review of Carrie, 1976](#)

[Esports Is For Everyone](#)

[The History Of The Royal Family's Christmas Day Broadcasts](#)

[The Fall and Rise of the Emley Moor Television Tower](#)

[How Apollo 13 Was Made](#)