



An exhibition from Seven Stories, The National Centre for Children's Books.

Become an Elmer and Friends Volunteer Gallery Assistant

20 November 2020 – 14 March 2021

We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to support our upcoming family-friendly exhibition. [Can you help us bring the colourful world of 'Elmer and Friends' to life?](#)

About the River & Rowing Museum

The River & Rowing Museum inspires escape and exploration, telling the many stories of the River Thames and celebrating the wildlife that calls it home. Beyond its beautiful riverside location in Henley on Thames and award-winning building, the Museum's doors open onto art, history, conservation, and the international sport of rowing. The galleries include interactive displays and stories and objects of international significance, including the family-friendly 'Wind in the Willows' gallery and a gallery dedicated to the work of Modern British artist John Piper. In addition, the Museum hosts a lively programme of temporary and visiting exhibitions from partners such as Seven Stories, The National Portrait Gallery, the Ashmolean, the V&A and the Hayward Gallery in London. Working closely with organisations in our area, the Museum's Community Gallery showcases a wide variety of local projects. Twice shortlisted for Family Friendly Museum of the Year, the Museum is a registered educational charity, and welcomes children and adults who take part in its engaging and inspiring learning and events programme. The Museum's Chocolate Café terrace overlooks Mill Meadows, and its shop celebrates local suppliers, specialising in children's books and games, fashion and craft.

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About *Elmer and Friends: The Colourful World of David McKee*

The first major retrospective exhibition of David McKee's artworks, this exhibition is bright, inviting and an explosion of colour – just like the world of Elmer! Focusing on the world of Elmer the Patchwork Elephant, created by David McKee, the original artworks on display explore the themes of acceptance, individuality, and environmental concerns. Artworks from McKee's other seminal titles are also on display, including *Not Now*, *Bernard* and *Mr Benn*. The exhibition is aimed at children under 7, and their parents and carers, and is perfect for a fun and social museum visit.

Why volunteer at the River & Rowing Museum?

- Contribute to the work of the Museum and make possible a vibrant, family-friendly exhibition.
- Build transferable skills and gain valuable work experience within the culture and heritage sector.
- Be part of a friendly and supportive team.

"From the outset, as volunteers, we were made to feel very welcome and part of the team. And how exciting, being able to get so close-up with such wonderful artwork!"

River & Rowing Museum Volunteer 2020

What you will be doing:

- Give a warm welcome to exhibition visitors to help them have an enjoyable experience and encourage them to follow the one way route.
- Direct visitors towards interactives such as books and dressing up.
- Encourage visitors to complete feedback forms.
- Support the Front of House Team by carrying out cleaning duties – cleaning reading areas and exhibition interactives, tidying away any items left by visitors.
- Develop a basic knowledge of the Museum and our collection, so that any questions from visitors can be dealt with in a professional and confident manner.
- Make checks across all first-floor galleries during quiet periods and report any issues to the Front of House Team.

This would be a great opportunity for someone...

- Who enjoys engaging with the public.
- Wants to develop customer service and interpersonal skills.
- Is looking to gain experience of the heritage and culture sector.

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Required hours:

- At least one shift per month with a choice of two timings: 9.45 to 13.00 or 12.45 to 16.00.
- The exhibition will be open to the public Thursdays to Mondays from 20 November 2020 to 14 March 2021.

What you will get in return:

- Free admission to the Museum.
- 10% discount on admission for up to two friends or family.
- 10% discount on children's workshops and adult lectures.
- Invitation to Private Views.
- Quarterly Volunteer Newsletter.
- Biannual social events.

Travelling to us:

Rail: Hourly services from London (Paddington), Reading and Maidenhead via Twyford to Henley on Thames. We are a short 5-minute walk from Henley station.

Bus: Regular 328/329 bus services between Reading and High Wycombe, stopping at Henley on Thames. There is an hourly X39 service from Oxford.

Car: You can use our car park free of charge on the days you are volunteering.

How to get involved:

Download and complete the Volunteer Enquiry Form from rrm.co.uk. Email your completed form to Juliet Harris, Volunteer Co-ordinator, at volunteering@rrm.co.uk or send it to **Volunteering, The River & Rowing Museum, Mill Meadows, Henley-on-Thames, Oxon, RG9 1BF**.

If you have any questions regarding volunteering with us please email volunteering@rrm.co.uk or call **01491 415 600**.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Covid-19

The River & Rowing Museum has achieved the Visit England *Good to Go Mark* ensuring we are a Covid-19 secure environment. Volunteers will be provided with appropriate training.

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