

Volunteer Opportunities at the Oshawa Community Museum

Archives: Explore Oshawa's past through newspapers, photographs, and maps. Research historic landmarks of Oshawa; work directly with a collection that is made up of our city's past!

Collections Assistant: Working with tangible artifacts from the museum's collection under the supervision of the Curator, you will catalogue, photograph and provide database information.

Garden Maintenance: If you prefer the solace of working alone, with the gorgeous Lake Ontario just steps away, then this position is for you! Assist with weeding, pruning, raking, tidying the outdoor spaces around the museum, general maintenance of the garden area.

Program Assistant: Working with the Visitor Experience Co-ordinator and Programming Assistant, you will assist in the presentation of curriculum and non-curriculum-based children's programs (including leading tours), as well as present historical demonstrations such as weaving, butter and candle making.

Special Events: Special events happen year round at the museum. We are involved with important city-wide events like Canada Day, Doors Open and Culture Days. But also hold our own museum events - including Victorian Teas, Lamplight, and Halloween at the Harbour. Special events assistants offer information to the public, help children assemble crafts, provide some security to museum buildings and are often required to dress in historic costume.

Visitor Host: After you have been provided with sufficient staff and peer training you will learn to lead visitors through the museum's heritage buildings providing a pleasing experience for all ages.

Victorian Teas: As a volunteer for our Victorian Teas, you may work from home or at the museum! At home volunteers provide baking, make sandwiches and desserts and can also launder linens. Volunteer at the museum for one of our teas and you can greet guests, serve visitors, and provide tours. If volunteering at the museum for a tea, you will always be in historic costume.