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The Bowes Museum Celebrates Volunteer Week



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The Bowes Museum is celebrating Volunteers' Week, an annual UK-wide campaign held from the Monday 2 to Sunday 8 June, which recognises the contributions of volunteers.

Volunteers play such important roles at the museum. The volunteers help behind the scenes caring for the collections, welcome visitors into galleries, support larger scale events such as Winter Market and so much more. Our volunteers have donated a staggering 4,979 hours of help over the last 12 months.

On 3 June, join the Co-Production Volunteer Manager and current volunteers at a Volunteering Open Day to learn more about all the exciting opportunities at the museum. No previous museum experience is needed, just a positive attitude and a willingness to get involved. Interested volunteers only need to attend one of the two sessions which consist of talks and tours. Email hello@thebowesmuseum.org.uk to book your space.

Jess White, Co-production Volunteer Manager, said: "I'm delighted to celebrate our incredible volunteers! Every day, I witness the amazing contributions they make, from caring for our 22 acres of parkland to guiding visitors through our remarkable collection. It's also been truly inspiring to see volunteers grow in confidence and form lasting friendships. We're always welcoming new volunteers, and we'd love for you to join us on 3 June to learn more about getting involved!"

For more information on Volunteering Open Day visit the what's on page [here](#).

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Note to editors:

A photograph of volunteers at the museum can be found [here](#).

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About The Bowes Museum

The Bowes Museum is a charity managing a Grade 1 listed accredited Museum and Grade 2 listed parkland in Barnard Castle. Founded by Joséphine & John Bowes 150+ years ago, this purpose-built Museum brings together an extraordinary, Designated collection of European fine and decorative art as a cultural resource for the people of Northern England, where today we celebrate artists, designers and makers.

The Bowes Museum receives funding from Durham County Council and, as a National Portfolio Organisation, receives support from Arts Council England. Arts Council England is the national development body for arts and culture across England, working to enrich people's lives. artscouncil.org.uk

The Bowes Museum is a member of the Discover Durham partnership of attractions, whose commitment is to promote Durham as an exciting and vibrant group travel destination and to provide the travel trade with a professional and knowledgeable service. discoverdurham.co.uk

Admission to The Bowes Museum is £17.70 for local members (residents of County Durham and Darlington), £20.00 for members (residents elsewhere), £19.50 for a day ticket, £21.45 for a day ticket including gift aid. Under 18s, full time students and carers are free.

As a registered charity (number 1079639) The Bowes Museum needs to generate more than half of its income each year to care for the historic collection, buildings and parkland. Your donations are vital to that work. Visit thebowesmuseum.org.uk/support/ for more information.



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