

Volunteer Opportunity – Interview Participant, Military Nursing Exhibition



Reporting to:

Community Project Officer

Who we are:

The Florence Nightingale Museum celebrates the life and work of the world's most famous nurse. Located at St Thomas' Hospital on the banks of the river Thames opposite the Houses of Parliament, the museum attracts visitors from around the world who want to learn more about the 'Lady with the Lamp' and her Victorian world. We also examine Florence's legacy and her influence on nursing today.

Why we need your help:

We are recruiting volunteer participants with experience as a military nurse or patient to be interviewed for the new Military Nursing exhibition, which will be a permanent part of the museum. Audio and video interviews will be shown on screens in the exhibition area, as well as in the online exhibition on the museum's website. Audio contributions can remain anonymous, if you wish.

Following the opening of the exhibition in spring/early summer 2023, there will be an optional opportunity to also volunteer in-person at the museum, giving short talks or tours, or getting involved with our learning sessions.

How much time will it take?

Dates and times can be flexible. Before recording any interview(s), we would like to have a short informal chat to explain the process and check that you are happy with the proposed questions (this can be virtual/phone call).

Interview times vary and can take anywhere from a few minutes to an hour. We suggest at least a 30-minute timeslot to allow plenty of time to set up equipment and fill in the consent forms. We plan to record interviews from December to early February on various dates.

Interviews will take place at the museum or a nearby location. If you are applying on behalf of a community group and would like us to come to your venue, please get in touch and we will do our best to accommodate.

Role and responsibilities:

- To participate in an interview about your experiences as a military nurse or patient

Optional in-person volunteering at the museum:

- Meet and greet visitors
- Support the learning team with the preparation and facilitation of holiday activities for families
- Carry out other visitor engagement activities as required on the day (training or briefing will be provided where necessary)

Who are we looking for?

1. Current or former military nurses
2. Serving armed forces or veterans who have been cared for by military nurses

The role will suit someone who:

Interview participant:

- Would like to share their experiences, and is comfortable communicating them for a general audience, including children
- Has an interest in museums and history, in particular nursing history
- Has good verbal communication skills

Volunteering in-person:

- Is confident in communicating with visitors of all ages
- Is proactive, friendly and welcoming
- Has the ability to take initiative and work well independently or as part of a team
- Is security conscious, adhering to the museum's policies concerning Health and Safety

What we can offer you:

- Opportunity to share your experiences with the public via the exhibition and (optionally) in-person with visitors
- Opportunity to raise awareness and advocate for a group or cause that supports the armed forces and veterans today
- Reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses in line with the museum's policies

Optional volunteering in-person at the museum:

- Opportunity to gain experience working in a museum environment
- Relevant induction training as well as object handling and tour/talk training
- Opportunity to develop communication skills, public speaking and storytelling
- Opportunity to meet new and like-minded people
- Opportunity to engage with history
- Reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses in line with the museum's policies

Your commitment to us:

- To work within our procedures including all those relevant to Health and Safety and the security of our collections
- To work within our Equality and Diversity policy, being respectful to individuals, whether they be customers, staff, volunteers or others in the museum

Next Steps:

If you are interested in this role, please send an expression of interest form to morgan@florence-nightingale.co.uk

If you would like to ask any questions or hear more about the project, please email or attend one of our **drop-in info sessions** at the museum or virtually.

Sunday 27 November	10:30 – 12:00	Florence Nightingale Museum
	13:00 – 13:30	Online (Zoom)
	14:30 – 16:00	Florence Nightingale Museum
Thursday 1 December	11:00 – 11:30	Online (Zoom)
	15:00 – 16:30	Florence Nightingale Museum

Please RSVP to morgan@florence-nightingale.co.uk in advance for the Zoom meeting link or to be added to the museum guestlist.

Thank you for your interest!

NB:

Please note that the exhibition will be seen by a wide range of general visitors, including children. Therefore, we reserve the right to edit interviews to be appropriate for our audiences.

We intend to include all participants' interviews (which are deemed appropriate), particularly in the online exhibition. However, we anticipate that we may have more interest than we are able to practically include due to budget and design constraints. If this is the case, please be aware that we cannot guarantee that all or part of your interview(s) will be included in the public exhibitions.

All interviews will be stored in our research archive unedited, which may be accessed by the public (individual researchers or institutions.)