

Placement Role Description JORVIK Handling Collection Guide Winter 12th – 18th February 2018	
About The JORVIK Viking Centre	<p>The JORVIK Viking Centre was first opened in 1984 after a five year long excavation. It stands on the site of the famous Coppergate excavations which revealed some of the most famous and outstanding discoveries in modern archaeology.</p> <p>Following the December 2015 floods, the Centre closed for a multi-million pound re-imagining. It re-opened its doors on 8th April 2017 with an updated ride and state of the art galleries showcasing our unique collection of 1000 year old finds. Find out more at https://www.jorvikvikingcentre.co.uk/about/</p>
Purpose of the Role	<p>Placements gain an opportunity to be a part of the new Centre and learn how we offer archaeological and collections engagement for our visitors.</p> <p>As a placement you will help offer enhanced access and engagement to this unique collection and the rich archaeology of the site. Through two handling collections of finds from the excavation you will offer visitors a chance to further explore the dig and the discoveries it made.</p>
Main Tasks	To offer handling collection opportunities at JORVIK with finds from the Coppergate excavations. This is undertaken through an outdoor collection of finds to orientate people with their location on the original dig and an indoor collection delivered to help visitors explore the techniques and discoveries of the dig.
Skills	<p>Placements should have a passion for York's Viking past & the Coppergate dig and a desire to contribute their time and enthusiasm to offer additional enhancement to our visitor experience during the busy holiday period (February 12th -18th)</p> <p>Placements will need to have bright, bubbly and positive manner and should be confident initiating conversation with a wide range of people and ages. They should show a strong customer focus and clear verbal communication skills.</p>
Areas of Interest	This is an ideal role for anyone who is interested in Viking history, archaeological and heritage interpretation and gaining hands-on experience of finds handling.
Person you can report to	The Head of Volunteering will act as your main point of coordination with further daily support from the Site Managers.
Induction and Training	We ask you to attend the 'Welcome Day' 6 th February and the Role Training on 7 th February to receive full training and induction.
Hours	Placements are available from 12 th – 18 th February. We ask each placement to undertake 5 full days (9.30 am- 5.30 pm) as a block period of five days each week Monday - Sunday.
Uniform	You will be given a placement shirt/Jumper to wear which we ask you to team with a pair of dark smart trousers and smart shoes.