

Placement Role Description JORVIK Handling Collection Placement Summer/Autumn 2019	
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>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 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	<p>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.</p>
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 (22nd July- 2nd September) or the Autumn half-term 22nd October - 3rd November 2019.</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	<p>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.</p>
Person you can report to	<p>The Head of Volunteering will act as your main point of coordination with further daily support from the Site Managers.</p>
Induction and Training	<p>If available, it is helpful for placements to be available for the Welcome day on 10th or 12th June and the training day of 19th June to learn some of the information needed for the JORVIK part of the role. If not available, a training session with the Volunteer and Community Assistant can be arranged.</p>
Hours	<p>Usual hours are 9.30 am- 5.30 pm Monday – Sunday. Half-day sessions may also be available.</p>
Expenses	<p>We apologise we are unable to offer expenses for placements.</p>
Uniform	<p>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.</p>