

Conservation/Engineering

Join our Conservation and Engineering team of Volunteers and help preserve a National Collection for future generations.

The RAF Museum's collection is part of the National Collection and comes under the care of the Museum. The aim of the conservation/engineering team is to safeguard the large 3-D collection for future generations so that in many years to come, people can visit the Museum and see Spitfires, Lancaster, Sopwith Dolphin etc.

The term large 3-D includes but is not restricted to:

- Aircraft
- Engines
- Boats (the RAF had a marine section at one time)
- Vehicles
- Missiles and weapons

The Museum does not fly aircraft or ground run engines therefore we can leave the artefacts in original condition for as long as possible and this must always be the first thought whenever you work on an object. At our Hendon site we do operate a few vintage vehicles but these have been constructed from many different vehicles so therefore has no real provenance or history.

You will:

- Work with fellow Volunteers, Staff and Apprentices
- Be part of a Volunteering team, following the guidance of a Team Leader
- Interact with the public and talk about your activity
- Clean exhibits
- Carry out periodic inspections looking for deterioration
- Apply preventative treatments
- Implement corrosion control treatment and removal
- Corrective maintenance where required
- Manufacture parts (if or when you have the skills)
- Prepare exhibits for exhibitions
- Assist in artefact movements

You will be:

- Ideally from an engineering background
- An effective team player
- Willing to learn new skills
- Comfortable communicating with visitors

Training:

- Site induction
- Conservation/Engineering Centre induction
- Workshop safety
- Health and Safety
- Fire and emergency procedure

- First aid procedure
- Working safely around the public

Commitment:

One day a week for 40 weeks of the year. This is negotiable depending on personal circumstances.

Hours:

The typical working day starts at 09:30 and finishes at 15:00. This is flexible to suit individual needs. There is a one hour break at lunchtime.

Benefits:

Travel and food expenses will be reimbursed up to £13.50 per day, in line with Museum policy.

Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) will be provided including specialist to task PPE.

Trial period:

We run a trial period system – this gives both you and us the chance to make sure that expectations are met.

For this role, the trial period is one month or 5 shifts, whichever is longer.

Opportunity to Volunteer:

All vacancies to Volunteer are listed on the RAF Museum website - <http://www.rafmuseum.org.uk/>

If you see a role you are interested in, please see paragraph below.

How to get involved:

Complete the Expressions of Interest form and send it to Judith Karena, Volunteering Manager by email: Judith.karena@rafmuseum.org or call 01902 376209.

We welcome applications from people of all interests, abilities, backgrounds and communities.