

## **FOSSIL POLISHING ACTIVITY DAY VOLUNTEER**

### **OVERVIEW**

Every year the museum holds a number of Fossil Polishing days on the seafront in Lyme Regis. This is an informal event and people passing by can stop and buy a fossil to polish and learn about geology at the same time. These events can be busy and hectic but also good fun and volunteers are involved in selling fossils, engaging with the public, polishing fossils and selling small items of museum shop stock.

### **TASKS**

- Share, learn and develop a good knowledge of fossils, local geology and history
- Welcome and engage with members of the public and respond to any questions
- Learn how to polish fossils and help members of the public with the activity
- Be aware of all health and safety aspects relating to the activity
- Manage selling fossils, cash handling and credit card payments
- Be friendly, approachable and professional in all interactions with the public
- Be willing to support the event in all weather conditions
- Help with setting up and/or putting away everything required for the event

### **USEFUL SKILLS/INTERESTS**

No definitive skills are required for this role as training will be given; however, you should have a willingness to learn about fossils, polishing and local geology, be keen to support the geologists and members of the public with the activities. You should also enjoy engaging with members of the public and be friendly and approachable with a professional manner.

### **BENEFITS**

Meet a wide range of interesting people and make new friends

Develop a good knowledge of local and maritime history, social history, geology and fossils

Make a major contribution to a local charity

Support the life and vibrancy of the local community

Develop a wide range of skills including communication, team work, health and safety

Free Entry to the museum and 20 % discount in the museum shop