

## **NORTHERN MUSEUMS VOLUNTEER PASS SCHEME**

The Northern Museum Volunteer Pass Scheme is one of the largest schemes in England. This scheme is open to all accredited museums, or those who have received official recognition of working towards accreditation, in the North West, North East and Yorkshire and Humberside region.

The Museum Volunteer Pass scheme is a mutually beneficial partnership between participating museums and entitles volunteers to free entry (and/or additional benefits where advertised) at participating museums in the region. A leaflet is produced annually listing all participating museums and the benefits at each institution for volunteers.

To be eligible to participate in the scheme museums must be able to offer a benefit to volunteer pass holders visiting from other museums. This may include:

- free entry to the museum
- 10% discount in the shop and/or cafe
- free tea and/or coffee.

These benefits may be extended to include one guest accompanying the volunteer pass holder.

Once accepted into the scheme, museums will be issued with named Institutional Passes, which they can loan out to their volunteers, and also Individual Passes. The passes are issued in April each year and are valid for two years from the date of issue. The Institutional Pass is equivalent to 10 volunteers. The Individual Pass is not transferable.

As individual passes are not transferable, we recommend that the passes are accessible only to your active volunteer base. If museums require any additional passes we would encourage the use of the institutional pass in the first instance.

As Museum Development needs to measure the uptake of this scheme, participating museums are asked to monitor the usage of the passes within their visitors. We ask that museums record the numbers of volunteers presenting their passes at each museum so that we can monitor take up and geographical use.

You can sign up to the Volunteer Pass scheme for April 2019 - 31 March 2021 NOW on Survey Monkey <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NMVP2019>

The deadline is the 14 January 2019.

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