



Volunteer Role Description

Volunteer opportunity: Oral History Volunteer – *Women's History* project

Service: Culture Team

Overseen by: Collections & Assets Manager

Summary:

This volunteer research and oral history project will seek to chart and reveal how life has changed for women of all ages living in Tunbridge Wells and The Weald region post-1945 to the present day.

The work is currently organised in two stages:

1. researching the archives and collections on this theme
2. recording interviews with women of all ages (including a focus on 16-25 year-olds, in order to capture the experience of being young and female living in the region 'in the moment').

Volunteers may choose to help with one of these stages or undertake both stages of the project.

The resulting material will be used to develop future exhibitions, online content and school resources.

Following induction and training, it is hoped that this project will begin in autumn 2019.

Main Activities:

- Learning how to interview candidates identified by the Collections & Assets Manager and Research Curator and recording their memories using digital recording equipment.
- Transcribing recordings to form a text document of the interviews. Interviews can be transcribed at home.
- Opportunities to undertake research on the theme of Women's History using our archives and collections.
- Opportunities to collaborate with staff at The Amelia to encourage more people to think about local history, the collections and our local archives.

NB Full support and training will be given. No previous oral history experience is necessary.

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