



The Archbishop's Palace Conservation Trust

A Safe pair of hands

So much more than a restoration project

Volunteering with the Archbishop's Palace Conservation Trust, - or becoming a trustee – gives you the opportunity to develop your knowledge and learn new skills in a wide range of areas:

- Running a business
- Caring for historic buildings
- History and archaeology
- Museum collections management
- Environmental issues
- Educational outreach
- Project management
- Fund-raising
- Social media and website development

What started off in 2017 as a straightforward project to restore the iconic Archbishop's Palace in Otford, has now evolved into programme to create an interpretation centre to help our community in the Darent Valley as well as visitors from far and wide, understand the landscape and the built heritage of the Valley. Our activities have broadened to encompass many different aspects of heritage and the community.

There are opportunities for volunteers to become involved in all of these aspects to broaden your knowledge and skills, as well as helping the Trust to achieve its objectives. There are numerous training opportunities to support you, as well as the practical experience of working with the Palace team.

From time to time there are opportunities to join the Board of Trustees. In recruiting new trustees, the Board seeks to ensure an appropriate degree of diversity in terms of age, gender, geographical location, and ethnicity.

The ideal trustee will have:

- A recognition of the values of our national heritage
- A fascination for history and how it has brought us to where we are today
- An interest in education, "making it real" and bringing it alive for the widest possible audience. The Trust's audience development plan can be found on the Otford Palace website.
- The desire to make historic resources accessible and enabling engagement through sensitive and appropriate renovation of original architecture
- The vision to combine an eclectic view in blending modern solutions and design techniques with the richness of historical artefacts
- The ability to engage and demonstrate a vision to a wide audience and encourage collaboration and investment in this project
- Enthusiasm for the work of the Trust
- An ability to work as one of a team, to take on projects and deliver them.
- Time to devote to the Trust. Unlike some trusts, our Trustees are hands-on and get involved with the delivery of the Trust's objectives.

If you are interested in volunteering or becoming a trustee, then please ask for more details from:

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