



Great Guiding



What will the placement involve?

Are you interested in Scottish history? Do you enjoy meeting new people? Do you like telling stories? Are you curious about tour guiding? Aged 18-30? Then this placement is for you.

Join the volunteers at The Argyll Mausoleum & St Munn's Church (Historic Kilmun) and learn how to guide visitors across this fascinating site. A sacred place for over 1,000 years, Kilmun was home to one of the first Christian communities in the west of Scotland. The powerful Campbell clan, who became Lords, Earls, then Dukes of Argyll, adopted it as their spiritual home. They paid priests to pray for their souls, and their dead are buried in the grand mausoleum.

We are looking for someone to learn about St Munn's Church, its surrounding graveyard, and the adjacent Argyll Mausoleum, and become confident in delivering guided tours. Buddied-up with current volunteers, you'll have time to learn about the site, shadow existing guides, and then develop, practice, and deliver your own public tour. There will also be opportunities to research the graveyard and to undertake some digital mapping.

Participants will receive an introduction to the history of the Church, Graveyard, and Mausoleum; access to information about the historic site; mentoring from an existing guide; all appropriate health and safety training; dedicated support from the Heritage Horizons Project Manager to achieve an Archaeology Scotland Heritage Heroes Award; and additional support from the Heritage Horizons Digital Marketing apprentice. There may also be the opportunity to undertake additional external training from providers including the Scottish Tour Guide Association. The Heritage Horizons Project Manager will support you to create a Learning Agreement and work alongside you to ensure you can progress through your aims.

Please note that placement participants are required to document their work and experiences digitally (via vlogs, social media, blogs or videos). All training and resources will be provided. Support and funding are available to cover all project expenses (e.g. travel costs) and the required materials and resources.



Where and for how long?

The placement will take place at St Munn's Church. Applicants should be available 1 or 2 days per week (1 day constituting 3-6 hours), on Thursdays, Fridays, and/or Saturdays. Exact times and days to be agreed. Address: St Munn's Church, Kilmun, by Dunoon, PA23 8SD

<http://www.historickilmun.org/>



What's in it for you?

- Hands-on tour guiding work experience and the chance to develop skills which could take you all over the world. Remember – tour guides can work anywhere!
- The opportunity to research Scottish history
- Time to develop and deliver your own tours
- On-site support from Historic Kilmun volunteers to achieve your objectives
- Dedicated support from the Heritage Horizons Project Manager to achieve the Archaeology Scotland Heritage Heroes Award
- Scottish Tour Guiding Association *Guiding is Fun* certificate
- One year membership of the Museums Association, including access to their Museum Essentials courses (<https://www.museumsassociation.org/>)
- Support from the Heritage Horizons Digital Marketing Apprentice to document your experience
- Peer-networking support and events with other young people undertaking Heritage Horizons placements
- Funding to cover all required materials, resources, and expenses (including travel)



About you

Any one with an interest in tour guiding, visitor/customer experience, Scottish history, and storytelling is welcome to apply. This placement would particularly suit those who:

- Are interested in a career in tourism, heritage, or museums
- Are curious about tour guiding
- Love storytelling and meeting new people
- Enjoy learning about Scottish history
- Would like to gain confidence in talking to others

Applicants will be invited for an informal discussion with the *host organisation* and Heritage Horizons Project Manager.



How to apply

Complete the Heritage Horizons Application form and send it to kirsty@chartsargyllandisles.org **by Sunday 26 September at 5pm**. If you'd like any further information about Heritage Horizons, or have any questions about this placement, please get in touch with **Kirsty MacNab**, Heritage Horizons Project Manager (Argyll South): kirsty@chartsargyllandisles.org