

Friends of Weelsby Hall

Volunteer Role Description



Accountable to:	Natalie Lunt, Fundraising Manager
Hours:	Flexible
Location:	Linkage, Weelsby Hall, Weelsby Road, Grimsby, DN32 9RU

About this role

We are looking to establish a Friends of Weelsby Hall group to help us to support activities at the historic Weelsby Hall at the heart of Linkage's Grimsby Campus.

Help us to plan and deliver activities to raise awareness of this hidden gem and generate funds to secure its future, whilst also to making a real difference to the services we can provide, the people we support and the local community.

About Linkage Community Trust

We are charity supporting people with learning disabilities across Greater Lincolnshire and the East Riding of Yorkshire. Linkage is proud to deliver high-quality specialist education, care, day services, employability support and more.

Everything we do is about valuing and supporting individuals, their carers and families.

About Weelsby Hall

Weelsby Hall is a beautiful Victorian building at the heart of Linkage's Grimsby Campus. Linkage Community Trust acquired the hall in 1982 to serve the local and national needs of people with learning disabilities.

The Grade II listed hall is vitally important to Grimsby's heritage and particularly its fishing heritage. It was built for George Sleight, first Baronet of Weelsby, as his country seat in the late 1890s.

The historic building is in urgent need of repair to prevent further water ingress which is damaging the fabric of the building.

Following receipt of a National Lottery Heritage Fund development grant, we are working to progress plans to repair the hall and its outbuildings and renovate them for use as a care training centre and residential accommodation and improve public access to this important site.

Key tasks

Tasks within the Friends of Weelsby Hall Group will be wide and varied. Volunteers will be encouraged to take on tasks which appeal to their own interests and complement their skills and experience.

Fundraising tasks will include:

- With support from the Fundraising Manager, Project Team and your fellow volunteers, help to plan and deliver events and activities to raise funds and awareness.
- Support the Fundraising Manager and Project Team with the events they are organising - your role may vary for each event; you could be greeting and registering participants, selling raffle tickets, running a book/cake stall or tombola or serving refreshments, for example.
- Support collections and community fundraising events.
- Help with admin, thanking donors and supporters.

History / Research tasks will include:

- Helping to record and catalogue historic artefacts.
- Researching the history of Weelsby Hall and the Sleight family.
- Gathering images for the creation of a digital memory book of Weelsby Hall past and present.
- Helping to document the works throughout the project.
- Train as a tour guide or room steward for specific events.

What we are looking for

We are looking for friendly and enthusiastic volunteers to join our Friends of Weelsby Hall Group.

No formal experience is needed, as necessary training will be given, although we are keen to hear of any relevant skills you may have. Ideally you will:

- Be trustworthy and reliable.
- Have good communication and team working skills.
- Be age 18 or over.
- Keep up to date with the work of Linkage to represent the charity in a professional manner.

The role is flexible and provides the opportunity to help out as little or as often as you are able to. We would appreciate any time you are able to offer. We hope you will attend monthly group meetings whenever possible.

What we offer

You will be given an induction and any necessary training for this role, and members of the project team will help and support you when volunteering.

The role will provide an opportunity for volunteers to:

- Utilise existing skills and develop new skills.
- Take part in enjoyable and rewarding activities.
- Meet new people and work as part of a dedicated and motivated team of volunteers.
- Help us to protect a local heritage asset and develop opportunities for the local community to explore and enjoy the site.
- Make a real difference to the work we do, the services we can provide and the people we support.

Volunteers can claim all reasonable and previously agreed expenses (such as for travel or reimbursement of items purchased).

Linkage Community Trust will seek to ensure that people are treated equitably regardless of their gender, race, colour, ethnic or national origins, age, disability, socio-economic background, religious or political beliefs and affiliations, marital status, family responsibilities, sexual orientation or other inappropriate distinction.

How to apply

Please contact friends@linkage.org.uk to request an application form.

Please note that, due to the nature of the work, applicants will be required to complete an enhanced DBS check and provide references.

This role description is binding in honour only and is not intended to be legally binding.

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