

Volunteering with Cleveland Pools

Etain's story

Why did you decide to volunteer with Cleveland Pools?

I first started volunteering with Cleveland Pools as part of a summer project at university. It meant that I had one less module to do in my final year and I thought it sounded like an exciting and unique project to be involved in.

My first impressions were that everyone involved was friendly, passionate and dedicated. They welcomed me and Jenny who was also taking part in the project with open arms and let us get stuck into making an event program for their bicentenary celebration.

What did you gain from being a volunteer?

I have gained so much from being a volunteer for different charities and the Cleveland Pools. My confidence and social skills continue to grow from volunteering with teams of people from a variety of backgrounds, ages and life styles. I have learnt so much about the heritage sector and how it operates with Cleveland Pools and it has led me into a career in Museums and Heritage which I didn't even know existed before volunteering with Cleveland Pools. Volunteering positively helps my health and wellbeing as I can make myself useful outside of work and social groups.

How do you feel about the support you had as a volunteer?

I worked closely alongside trustees in the work I was doing and always felt well supported. They were always there if I had a question that needed answering and would share their experiences. There was always a good level of communication keep between everyone and we knew when we were next meeting.

Would you recommend this kind of volunteering to someone else?

I would recommend volunteering with Cleveland Pools as it is very rewarding. It is such an incredible project to volunteer for and you can really see your hard work being put to good use. The team of volunteers is vast and growing, meaning you can learn a lot from one another. It is a great way to meet new people and to unite over a shared passion.

