**Children’s Activity Assistant volunteer**

**What is a Children’s Activity Assistant?**
This is a newly created volunteer role that will play an essential role in helping children and families have a deeper, more enriching and fun experience at Flag Fen. Your main aim will be to support informal children’s activities provided at Flag Fen and to help us tell Flag Fen’s story using its unique historic landscape and its many well preserved archaeological features. You could help us through the roles listed below:

* Children’s party assistant
* 'Go Wild’ outdoor activities assistant
* Big Dig assistant

This is an excellent opportunity for you to learn new skills and share the skills that you already have with our visitors. Your commitment to Flag Fen will enrich our offer for families and support the work of the learning team. You will be supporting Flag Fen by helping people connect, engage and learn more about this uniquely special site.

**What’s in it for you?**

* Have the opportunity to learn new skills
* Become part of a friendly and dedicated team.
* You will learn more about this historic landscape.
* Engagement with our inquisitive visitors.
* A sense of achievement that you have helped us make sure that Flag Fen stays open for future generations.

**What’s involved?**

* Preparation of resources
* Assist and support Heritage Teachers with the delivery of children’s parties.
* Assist with the change-over of spaces between schools and weekend activities.
* Assist the Learning Co-ordinator and Heritage Teachers with the delivery of ‘Go Wild’ outdoor weekend and school holiday activities at Flag Fen
* Engage with visitors and other volunteers.

**The role will suit people who…**

Are willing to work as an integral part of a small team, who are passionate and committed to enhancing and promoting Flag Fen. You will have an interest in history or the natural world and want to contribute to helping us offer new ways for our visitors to engage and learn about Flag Fen, its landscape and people. Experience of working with groups of children and/or families. To undertake this role, you must be willing to have a DBS check.

**About Flag Fen**

Flag Fen is a place where you can see remains of the well preserved Bronze Age causeway, reconstructed roundhouses, unspoilt Fenland landscape packed full of wildlife and much more. Visitors are invited to explore a prehistoric landscape full of stories, reconstructions and artefacts.

The story of Flag Fen begins in 1971 when excavations ahead of the construction of Peterborough New Town revealed an almost intact Bronze Age landscape, which ran along the edge of the drained fen. It was in 1982 when archaeologists surveying the depths of the Flag Fen basin came across timbers of what was to prove an internationally important site. Excavations in the basin continue to find prehistoric settlements, farms, barrows, cemeteries and religious sites along with managed river causeways across the developing fen marsh.

Every year we discover something new about the lives of our prehistoric ancestors around the Flag Fen basin- which is now recognised as one of the most important archaeological sites in Europe.

We aim to enrich people’s lives, encouraging enjoyment, learning and participation through our public programme, training and volunteering schemes. We hold events throughout the year, family activities during the holidays, a programme for schools and community-focused initiatives. We are a space for people to be active, learn new things, look at the world differently, make friends and give something back.

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| **Where** | Flag Fen, The Droveway, Northey road, PeterboroughPE6 7QJ |
| **Time Commitment** | Sessions will take place during the school holidays and at weekends. You can opt into sessions that work for you.  |
| **Responsible to** | Name: Emma ParnellPosition: Flag Fen Learning Co-ordinatorEmail: Emma.Parnell@peterboroughlimited.co.uk |
| **Training**  | Flag Fen induction, run through processes, and shadowing sessions to learn more about role and chosen activity. |
| **Other** | As a regular volunteer you will be given free entry to Flag Fen and all un-ticketed events |

**If you are interested**

Please contact Emma Parnell – Emma.Parnell@peterboroughlimited.co.uk