

Collections Volunteer

National Slate Museum – Collection Centre, Llandygai

Purpose of role: The National Slate Museum is being redeveloped. To protect and preserve the collection we moved it to our new Collections Centre in Llandygai, where we are currently conserving and caring for the wooden moulds/patterns from the Gilfach Ddu. Do you want to help our newly appointed Patterns Conservator? As a volunteer under their supervision, you will help to:

- remove dust and dirt, primarily using brushes and/or vacuum cleaners,
- wrap objects/artefacts in tissue paper and pack them in boxes,
- record the condition of the patterns,
- maintain our collections records and catalogues.

Location: Llandygai, Bangor

Department: Collections & Research

Age: 16+

Closing Date: Ongoing recruitment

The role would suit you if:

- you want hands on experience with artefacts, collections handling, and cleaning,
- you enjoy tasks/projects that have a start and a finish, where you can see your progress,
- you're happy to volunteer wearing gloves, a mask and other PPE

Considerations: Training and risk assessments will be provided. Some tasks may be repetitive/meditative - regular breaks will be given. The collections centre is not temperature controlled and can be cold/hot. We cannot currently estimate how long this project will run but will let you know in advance if we are reaching its end – there are over 4000 wooden patterns!

Hours and Commitment: Wednesdays 1-4PM or Thursdays 10AM-1PM. Next induction date: 4 August 2026, 10AM-12PM.

Interested? Fill out a registration form or contact us volunteering@museumwales.ac.uk or 029 2057 3002.

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What we do for our volunteers:

- travel expenses;
- discounts in our shops, cafés, courses and exhibitions;
- references on request;
- celebration events, behind the scenes access;
- a chance to meet new people.

