

Placement Role Description Curatorial Interpretation	
Purpose of the placement	Based in the Trust's curatorial department and The JORVIK Viking Centre; this placement offers a chance to experience how we research and care for our archaeological collection and how we use these finds to interpret and present the past to the public.
About JORVIK	The JORVIK Viking Centre was founded in 1984 following the groundbreaking Coppergate excavations. Find out more at https://www.jorvikvikingcentre.co.uk/ .
Main Duties	<p>At JORVIK placements are trained to use a handling collection of finds to encourage visitors to understand the importance and unique discoveries of the Coppergate excavations and how they led to the creation of JORVIK. This would form five days of your placement.</p> <p>Involvement with the curatorial team would offer you a chance to shadow staff to learn about the care of our collection, viewing the work of the team and how this feeds into the attractions through archaeological research and the selection and presentation of finds in our attractions and touring exhibitions. This would form five to ten days of your placement.</p>
Skills/Requirements	Placements should have an appreciation for the archaeological and public educational role of York Archaeological Trust and an interest in collections management and public interpretation. They should also have strong oral and written communication skills and an ability to deliver a confident and welcoming service with good personal presentation. They will need strong organisational skills and an ability to undertake tasks both in a team and individually.
Areas of Experience	This is an ideal placement for anyone considering a future in heritage management in a collection care or interpretation role.
Person you can report to	The Head of Volunteering & Curatorial Team will act as your main point of contact with daily support from the Site/ Department Managers.
Induction and Training	Due to its multi-site nature training/inductions will be on-going throughout the placement. We will also provide some training in advance of the placement. If available, it is helpful for placements to be available for the Welcome day on 10 th or 12 th June and the training day of 19 th June to learn some of the information needed for the JORVIK part of the role.
Hours & Availability	Usual hours are 10 - 15 full days (10am -5pm) Monday – Friday in one continual block. Occasional weekends may be needed. Available July –early September & late October-early November 2019
Location	Our store, 421 on the Huntington Road, York YO31 9HU, our offices at 47 Aldwark, York YO1 7BX and The JORVIK

	Viking Centre, Coppergate Walk, York YO1 9WT.
Expenses	We apologise that we are unable to pay expenses for placements but we do pay for bus travel from York to our store.
Uniform	When front-of-house we will give you a shirt to wear which we request you team with dark trousers and smart shoes. Clothing for days in the curatorial team will be advised based on whether casual clothes for finds care days or smart clothing (as per in the attractions) are needed.