

What can volunteering at The Malthouse Project offer you?

A chance to:

- get involved in an exciting project
- make a difference to people's lives
- meet new people
- feel part of a team

- use your existing skills and gain new ones
- undertake your chosen voluntary role with support
- take part in a unique volunteering opportunity
- gain references after a satisfactory period of volunteering

It is necessary for all volunteers to undertake a Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) check. This is a requirement of working with a vulnerable client group.



How can I get involved with the project?

If you are interested in becoming a Malthouse Project volunteer or you would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact the Volunteer Co-ordinator at St Matthew Housing on the contact details shown below:

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Housing and support for people in need



An introduction to The Malthouse Project

The Malthouse Project is an exciting enterprise which aims to offer training and voluntary opportunities to the local community. It is also a way for people who have been excluded from mainstream education and training because of illness, disability or other barriers, to gain a second chance. Volunteering opportunities are open to everyone.

The Project started life as a restoration scheme of an old maltings and is now a unique facility that provides a café, heritage and training centre, community rooms for hire, accommodation for local people and central offices for St Matthew Housing.

The Malthouse Project is here today thanks to funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund, St Edmundsbury Borough Council, Bury St Edmunds Town Trust and various other trusts, individuals and statutory sources.

How you can get involved

The Malthouse Project has various volunteering opportunities available to local people which include the following:

Volunteer Catering Assistant

This offers opportunities for people to get involved with our new Kiln Cafe. We are looking for a regular commitment from volunteers of at least a couple of hours each week.

This café will be run by professionally qualified chefs; its purpose is to offer St Matthew Housing residents and service users, plus clients of other organisations (*subject to funding being available*), the chance to train in a catering environment and gain work experience. The students in the café will be able to gain NVQ qualifications and as a volunteer you would work alongside them and support them in this role.

Duties may include:

- helping to prepare a range of hot and cold snacks, meals and drinks
- taking orders and serving food and drink
- meeting and greeting customers
- providing a counter service and operating the till



We will offer training in Basic Food Hygiene, which, if successfully completed, offers opportunities to work in the kitchen assisting with food preparation. This experience could equip someone to go onto a job in catering.

It would be ideal for someone who is looking to gain experience within a catering environment, or someone who may already have experience in this area and could help students to gain skills and confidence.

Volunteer Heritage Guides

The Malthouse Project opens up a variety of local history with many original 17th century and maling features on show throughout the building. As a heritage guide, you would be responsible for taking small groups on a tour of the building. Training would be given to

volunteers before they start and will continue with updates.

The Malthouse Project tours will be held every Wednesday throughout the year and there could be possible weekend and evening tours required.

This role may appeal to individuals with an interest or knowledge in local history, or an individual who wants to learn more about the subject and get involved with a local heritage site.

