

VOLUNTEER ROLE – GENERAL LABOURER

Background

Maid of the Loch is a registered historic vessel, and part of the UK's National Historic Fleet. She is unique in many ways. She was built by A&J Inglis of Pointhouse, Glasgow, constructed in their yard, then dismantled and transported to the slipway at Balloch where she was re-assembled and launched in 1953. She has four decks and was licensed to carry 1,000 passengers right up until her withdrawal in 1981. Since then, she has been berthed at Balloch Pier in a static role, and is owned by Loch Lomond Steamship Company (LLSC). She is the last paddle steamer to be built in Britain. A main feature is her engine room which is open to view by the public.

Purpose of Role

As a General Labourer and member of our Deck or Engineering Crews, the main purpose of this role is to assist with the general upkeep of the ship and site.

Tasks

This role may involve any of the following tasks:

- Lifting and moving heavy items
- Cleaning and sweeping decks
- Cleaning walls and removing cobwebs
- Emptying bins, removing rubbish, sorting recycling
- Assisting tradesmen with specific tasks such as painting, running cables, cutting wood, etc
- Reporting any safety concerns or incidents to staff members

Skills, Attitudes and Experience Needed

- Physical fitness as some running around and/or heavy lifting may be involved
- Willingness to learn new skills and assist other volunteers in their roles
- Willingness to get dirty and undertake some unpleasant tasks
- Reliable
- Friendly and approachable
- Committed to the needs and goals of the Loch Lomond Steamship Company

Volunteer Benefit

- Become an ambassador for the Maid of the Loch and Loch Lomond in general
- Opportunity to meet new people and engage with the public
- Contributing to the re-launch of the last paddle steamer to be built in Britain
- Contributing to the paddle steaming heritage of Loch Lomond
- Chance to learn and develop new skills
- Get more fresh air and exercise!

Charity Benefits

- Brings new ideas and a fresh perspective to the charity and the Engineering or Deck Crews
- Enhances the visitor experience leading to repeat visits
- Contributes to preserving the heritage of the ship and the wider community

Time Commitment & Availability

- Two days per month
- Volunteer days are Wednesdays and Saturdays

Age Restrictions

Minimum age: 16

Training, Supervision and Support

When you join the Engineering or Deck Crew, you will report to the Director of Volunteering. Induction Training will be arranged for you together with any appropriate training for the tasks you will be undertaking. Where possible, new volunteers will be placed with existing ones to provide support and knowledge transfer.

Uniforms

The uniform provided will be a volunteer high visibility vest. Volunteers should provide their own overalls.

Travel Expenses

Unfortunately we are unable to pay travel expenses at this time.

Selection Methods

If you are interested in this opportunity please complete a Volunteer Application Form and return it to:

Volunteer Coordinator, Loch Lomond Steamship Company, The Pier, Pier Road, Balloch, G83 8QX or email it to: volunteers@maidoftheloch.org

Once we have received this, we will contact the reference provided. Upon receipt of a suitable reference, you will be invited for an informal chat to assess mutual suitability for the role.