

Find out how to get the best from your volunteers, and ensure they get the best from the experience, by joining experts in a live chat about volunteering.

A general discussion forum, for all your heritage and project-related conversations, has launched today in our Online Community.

Ask questions, exchange ideas, discuss common issues, share learning and celebrate successes. Whether you are interested in applying for HLF funding, have received an HLF grant, or work on heritage projects, the general forum is the space for you. It opens today following a pilot period with six programme-specific forums.

You can join in straight away by posting about job, training and volunteering opportunities related to your project, examples of good interpretation, heritage education inspiring young people, or start a new thread on any topic you'd like to discuss.

To celebrate the general forum launch, and on a regular basis thereafter, we will be hosting live chats on topics of broad interest to the Community. Tomorrow we will welcome experts on volunteering to discuss recruiting, managing and supporting volunteers. Drop by the general forum from 12.30-1.30pm on 13 August to follow along and ask questions, or add to the conversation at any time afterwards.

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“With the input of grantees, and our wider heritage audience, the Online Community will be a really vibrant and valuable resource for those interested in, or already undertaking, an HLF-supported project,” said Amy Freeborn, Online Communities Manager.

If you've previously applied for, or received a grant, then you're already registered to contribute to the Online Community. Otherwise, it only takes a few minutes to set up an account. Anyone can read forum threads, but you need to be logged-in to comment and view or download files.