

Heritage Ability Champion About the role

Heritage Ability is a Heritage Lottery Funded project which aims to help at least 20 heritage places across the South West become more accessible to disabled people and Deaf people who use British Sign Language (BSL). The project will help the places deliver visual stories, easy read, interpretation, large print formats and BSL videos. Many of the sites will also benefit from an all-terrain mobility scooter, known as a Trampler.

As a result of Heritage Ability, disabled and Deaf people with their families and friends will have meaningful, inspiring and life-enriching engagements with the South West's rich and varied heritage.

We aim to recruit a network of Heritage Champions across the region to help us achieve this vision.

What does it mean to be a Heritage Ability Champion?

As a Heritage Ability Champion, you will be an ambassador for the project, working with one of our heritage places to help them on their accessible journey. You'll help spread the word locally about the changes at the site, building links with the local community and disability groups and promoting this great cause.



That sounds great! Do I need any scary qualifications?

Not at all, and the team will be on hand to support you in the role. You must however have lived experience of a disability, or be a member of the Deaf community. You should have a passion for improving accessibility and an interest in heritage and / or tourism. The ability to travel to the site, local meetings and events is also essential. Helping link up the heritage places and disabled and Deaf visitors will require commitment, but the role is flexible. As a minimum we'd like all volunteers to have their Champion hats on two days per month.

Will I be supported in the role?

Of course! We'll give you a shiny pack with all the information about the project when you start and there will be project meetings. We'll pay your travel expenses and also provide you with training and help you develop new skills. You'll be meeting new people and visiting new locations so there are lots of opportunities to network – and there'll also be the opportunity to meet other Heritage Ability Champions and share your experiences.



Keen to get involved or talk it through with the team?

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