

Blue Plaque Group

Time Commitment – 5 to 20 hours a month

Duration – Unlimited

Location – Can be from home (especially research), from Wharf Street, likewise options for some outside working (plaque unveilings and plaque installation)

Roles in General

A varied and interesting amount of roles available which offers scope for different interests; from historical research, plaque maintenance, to coordinating unveiling – there's a role to choose which would suit a variety of skills, time commitments and interests.

This group would be of particular interest to those with an interest in; the diverse history and heritage of Leeds, those with practical skills, and those with an interest in organising high-profile and eye-catching events.

Interested volunteers can take on certain aspect of the role as described below:

To assist the Trust in planning and developing plaque unveilings which have been approved for installation by our Trustees.

This can include:

- o Researching and campaigning for plaque funding.
 - o Liaising with location owners to agree future plaque locations.
 - o Liaising with the plaque foundry to coordinate production.
 - o Installation of the blue plaque (this can involve working at height).
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- Research biographies/histories of plaque recipients to compile publications, website content and handouts.
 - Carrying out additional research, where a nomination requires additional verification before it can be considered for approval.
 - Working with community groups, plaque sponsor, funders, and other interested parties to devise wrap-around events for blue plaque unveilings.

Helping to research and highlight all blue plaques awarded by the Trust.

Once a blue plaque is unveiled, it becomes an amazing resource for the Trust and the city of Leeds. As part of the Group, you may wish to assist by devising content for the website, compiling information packs for schools or walking trails for example.

- Research past plaque nominations to offer fuller biographies/context as part of our current ongoing commitment to reviewing our plaques, their relevance and for any new information that may have come to light about the plaque since its unveiling.



- Staffing a blue plaques/Trust information stall at various Trust events.
- Speaking to groups, schools, and other organisations about our Blue Plaques scheme – championing and highlighting some plaque recipients.
- Ongoing maintenance of current blue plaques. Including ordering repairs, surveying, and promoting others to ‘adopt a plaque’.
- Devising an annual Blue Plaque Exhibition for Heritage Open Days.

How can I get involved?

Initially, please send us an email with your details, a brief description of your skills and interests, as well as your reason for applying to office@leedscivictrust.org.uk or give us a ring for an informal chat to find out more.

Each Group member will be offered training, a full induction as well as ongoing support. We also have a Volunteers Expenses policy.

