



Volunteer Role Description

Humanist Heritage Outreach Volunteer

Location: Remote

Time commitment: Approx. 2 hours per week (flexible)

Reports to: Madeleine Goodall, Humanist Heritage Manager

Expenses: Necessary expenses will be reimbursed

About the role

Humanist Heritage (heritage.humanists.uk) tells the story of the people, places, and ideas behind the humanist tradition in the UK. It covers pioneering thinkers and reformers, as well as the local groups, campaigners, and ordinary people who helped shape the society we live in today. Much of this history is little known, even among people with a keen interest in the past.

We're looking for a volunteer to help us change that. You'll get in touch with local history societies, heritage groups, and other organisations who we think would be interested in this part of our shared history. You'll let them know that Humanist Heritage exists and invite them to share it with their members. It's a chance to help bring overlooked stories to new audiences, and it's work you can do from home at a time that suits you.

Key Activities

- Working through a list of relevant organisations that we will provide, such as local history societies, heritage groups, and museums.

- Sending emails to each organisation, using a template we'll give you, tailored to them where helpful. For example, you might mention a humanist figure or place connected to their area.
- Keeping a simple record of who you've contacted, when, and any replies received, using a shared spreadsheet.
- Passing on any responses, questions, or opportunities (such as requests for a talk or article) to the Humanist Heritage Manager.
- Flagging any contact details that are out of date, and suggesting other organisations who might be interested.

Why volunteer with Humanist Heritage?

- You'll help bring humanist history to new audiences and make sure it takes its place in the wider story of our communities.
- You'll join a friendly team and receive an introduction to the project, clear guidance, and ongoing support from our Humanist Heritage Manager.
- You can volunteer remotely and flexibly, fitting the work around your other commitments.
- You'll gain experience of outreach, written communication, and working with the heritage sector, which could be useful for your CV or future plans.
- You'll learn more about the remarkable people and ideas that make up humanist heritage.

What you'd bring to the role

- An interest in history, heritage, or humanism. You don't need to be an expert, just curious and keen to share it.
- Clear, friendly written communication skills, and an eye for detail.
- Confidence using email and basic spreadsheets.
- The ability to work independently and keep track of your progress.
- Reliability and a willingness to stick with a task through to the end.
- Access to a computer and the internet.

You are welcome to contact Maddy by email at madeleine@humanists.uk or Humanists UK via volunteers@humanists.uk to discuss the role before applying.