



Peterborough Cathedral Guides' Course 2022

A training course for people wanting to become a tour guide

The 2022 guides' course will begin on Monday 7th February. If you are interested in becoming a guide, please read the following information

Guides lead a variety of formal and informal tours of the Cathedral. If you pass the course you will be expected to become part of the team to welcome visitors into the Cathedral, give information and lead tours

By the end of the course you will have been taught the knowledge required to lead a Highlights Tour of the Cathedral

In order to pass this course, you must attend all the sessions listed below – to discuss this, please contact us: education@peterborough-cathedral.org.uk

Please register your interest by completing this form by 5pm 10th January:
<https://forms.office.com/r/CP86V2a2MN>

A word version of this form can be downloaded from our website:
<https://www.peterborough-cathedral.org.uk/home/people/volunteering.aspx>

For more information or to submit a word form please contact education@peterborough-cathedral.org.uk

Course dates

Monday 7th February 2022 11.00-12.30

In the Cathedral

Course introduction and welcome

Monday 14th February 11.00-12.30

In the Cathedral

Practical session – leading guided tours

The course then moves to a module approach and is divided into two-week blocks. Each block will begin with a theory session, exploring all you need to know about a specific area

of the Cathedral. The remainder of the two weeks will focus on delivery and will be arranged between you and your mentor. The theory sessions will run at the following times:

Monday 21st February 7pm ZOOM

The first two abbeys, The Nave, Key architectural features

Monday 7th March 7pm ZOOM

The Quire Stalls, The Tower. The Presbytery

Monday 21st March 7pm ZOOM

Katharine of Aragon, Robert Kirkton, The New Building, John Chambers and the Dissolution

Monday 4th April 7pm ZOOM

Mary Queen of Scots, Apse Chapel, Civil War

Two weeks commencing 18th April

Revision Period

Week Commencing 2nd May

Assessment Week

What we are looking for:

- People who can commit to the above dates and times*
- People who are enthusiastic about the Cathedral and its story
- People who tell interesting stories
- People who will demonstrate the Cathedral's values of joy, generosity, inclusivity and hospitality

*contact education@peterborough-cathedral.org.uk if you need to discuss this

Process:

By 5pm on Monday 10th January

Complete 'Register of Interest' Form <https://forms.office.com/r/CP86V2a2MN>

Week beginning 17th January

Informal interviews held at the Cathedral or on Teams.

Places will be offered on the course following this meeting. Places are limited.

Monday 7th February

Course begins

Throughout the course you will be supported by a mentor – an experienced guide –, the Head of Learning and the Vice Dean. These people will support you as you train to become a guide

Assessment Week

At the end of the course you will be observed leading a highlights tour and assessed on the following:

- Was the tour factually accurate?
- Did the tour hold my interest?
- Was the guide friendly and welcoming?
- Was the guide able to answer my questions in an appropriate way?

The course will be informative and fun. It will help you shape an exciting and engaging tour of the Cathedral that will enthuse and entertain visitors.

We encourage and welcome expressions of interest from anyone who feels they could help tell the Cathedral's story to visitors.