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# Visitor Guide

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St Giles' Cathedral is a site of significant spiritual, historical and architectural interest. Each year it attracts over 1,000,000 visitors, drawn from many nationalities, age groups and walks of life. Our volunteer guides are the first point of contact for most visitors and play a crucial role in ensuring the quality of their experience. Feedback from visitors suggests that each encounter with the guides has the potential to make someone's visit; 'I appreciated the warm and personal tour'.

## About St Giles' Cathedral

St Giles' has been part of the city since 1124, with much of the building you see today constructed in the late 1300s and 1400s. It has been home to many key events in Scotland's history and is the birthplace of the Presbyterianism and the Scottish Reformation. There are centuries of architecture and art here, from medieval stonework to Victorian windows, and the neo-Gothic Thistle Chapel. Not only are we an important historical site, but also a working parish church and cultural centre, hosting various musicians from around the world for evening and lunchtime concerts.

## Experience Required

Friendly, welcoming, helpful, good communication skills and be able to convey your knowledge, interest and enthusiasm to others. Ability to speak a foreign language would be advantageous, but not necessary. No experience in tour guiding or heritage work necessary, but we do ask you to do your own research and write your own tours if you would like to do them.

## Training Details

We provide all the necessary literature for study, including a volunteer guidebook. There will also be plenty of opportunities to have one-on-one guided tours with staff members and other volunteers to ensure you feel comfortable with the material. This is also a great chance to learn what really excites you about the cathedral, and to craft tours and stories of your own. Every volunteer is different, as are their favourite areas of interest!

## Location/Travel Details

Guiding takes place in St Giles' Cathedral, Royal Mile, Edinburgh. It is a short walk from Waverley Railway Station and most bus routes through Edinburgh City Centre pass close by.

## Expenses

No expenses paid

## Accessibility Details

- Named Contact For Volunteer

## Work Type

Advice / Information giving

## Cause

Museums / galleries / heritage

## Flexibility & Commitment

School Holidays;Term Time

At least one 2-hour shift per week. As you are giving up your time to us, we of course understand that you may need to take some time off now and then which we are happy to accommodate.

## Available Times

	mon	tue	wed	thu	fri	sat	sun
am	●	●	●	●	●	●	
pm	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
eve	●	●	●	●	●	●	

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