

GREYHOPE BAY

Greyhope Bay is a charity that exists to connect and engage communities with our marine world. Since the Greyhope Bay Centre opened in April 2022 we have been working to build an engaging programme of events, to help inspire people to connect with their coast and local heritage.

This summer we are launching a new outreach initiative in collaboration with the Port of Aberdeen, and we are looking for enthusiastic volunteers who want to be part of our growing story. Our focus is on awareness, connection, and inspiration.

Since it reopened to the public earlier this year, the North Pier has been a popular spot for people to walk, run, bird watch, and look for dolphins. It also offers fantastic views of the coastline, especially of Torry Battery and Greyhope Bay. This partnership is a fantastic opportunity for the charity to reach a wider community, and to engage with the people who visit the pier about the marine life, the port, and local history of the area.

For the duration of the school holidays (July to August) we aim to maintain a volunteer presence on the pier, with a focus on engaging new audiences and connecting people to the marine environment and local history. We will be present on the pier over four days a week (Thursday to Sunday), at a variety of times. The shifts are as follows:

Thursday evenings (3 hours)

Friday mornings (3 hours)

Saturday/Sunday mornings (2.5 hours)

Saturday/Sunday afternoons (2.5 hours)

What does this role involve?

- Meeting and greeting members of the public on the pier.
- Engaging with the public on a variety of topics: dolphins and other marine life, the port of Aberdeen and its history, birds, marine vessels, and the history of the local coastline.
- Engaging with the public about Greyhope Bay and what we do.
- Ensuring visitors to the pier have a great experience.
- Maintaining a sightings board.

We are looking for people who:

- Are passionate about the natural world, with a focus on marine life and sea birds.
- Have good communication skills (or a desire to develop them).
- Are reliable, with good timekeeping.
- Are comfortable approaching and talking to members of the public of all ages and backgrounds
- Are interested in public outreach and helping to build connections between people, the marine environment, and local history.
- Have enthusiasm for volunteering and the ability to represent Greyhope Bay in a positive effective manner.
- Are comfortable working outside, in a variety of weather conditions.

Commitment:

You need to be able to commit to a minimum of one shift per week, or 6 shifts over the 6.5-week period.

What is in it for you?

- Develop your communication skills.
- Develop your knowledge on a variety of topics.
- Be part of a supportive team.
- Enhance your CV.

No specific experience required - just passion and enthusiasm! Volunteers must be over the age of 18 to apply. We will provide training and resources prior to starting.

If you are interested in this volunteering opportunity, please [complete the registration form \(click here\)](#) and email it to allie@greyhopebay.com. We will also be hosting two information sessions if you would like to know more, or had any questions. They are Tuesday 2nd June 10am – 11am, and Thursday 4th June 7pm – 8pm, both in person at the Greyhope Bay Cafe.

Applications close on June 7th.