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DESCRIBE YOUR JOB IN FIVE WORDS...

INTERESTING | CHALLENGING
SURPRISING | SHARING
AWE-INSPIRING

WHAT DO YOU GENERALLY WEAR TO WORK?

Dress code depends on the work that day – if we are moving lots of objects T-shirt and jeans, if we will have VIP guests something smart, if we have a school group in it is likely I will be dressed as a person from the past and usually a lower class one!

WHAT DO YOU ENJOY MOST ABOUT YOUR JOB?

The spark in someone's eye when they find out a new thing or try out something for the first time.

WHERE DO YOU WORK?

ANCIENT HOUSE MUSEUM OF THETFORD LIFE AND
LYNN MUSEUM IN KINGS LYNN.

WHAT IS A TYPICAL DAY LIKE?

There is no such thing.
It might be:
Arrive at work and set up activities including unpacking historical artefacts from boxes;
Get changed into historical costume
Work with school children
Edit some exhibition text
Talk to some teachers on Zoom
Run an afterschool club
Host a Zoom talk.

WHAT ARE THE CHALLENGES?

The museum sector is generally low pay and high expectations. In a small museum you need to do a bit of everything.

What is a general career route for this job?

There is no set route – lots of possible options.
You might have teaching qualifications, museum qualifications or life skills.

What attributes and skills did you need to get the job?

The key skill is good communication and a willingness to learn and adapt.

What tips and advice would you give someone interested in this type of job or career?

Find out all you can about the job, maybe by shadowing someone or volunteering.

Look for casual roles in the museum to gain more experience and keep a look out for paid traineeships.

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