



James Etherington

I started in the museum sector in 2003 and have worked a variety of roles. My first role was at the Yorkshire Museum as an admissions clerk and front of house guide but I was offered the chance to help with some of the learning activities. Two weeks of dressing kids up as a Roman soldier and I was hooked on museum work for life!

Since then I have been a learning assistant at the RAF Museum London, the museum manager at the Bailiffgate Museum in Alnwick, the Visitor Services Manager at the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford and the Visitor Experience Manager for a National Trust portfolio in Ryedale. My current role is as the Director of the Ripon Museum Trust, looking after the Workhouse, Courthouse and Prison and Police Museums in the heart of beautiful Ripon.

I am a long standing supporter of training and development in museums, especially for those looking to get onto the first rung of the ladder and to progress their careers, and helped organise the MA's 'moving on up' career development conference in Manchester in 2014. I look forward to being able to help as many people as possible develop their skills.