



## Margaret Metterick

### Background

Margaret was encouraged to get involved with volunteering by her daughters. Since retiring from full-time employment she has used her time to study social history. After successfully completing an A level and a university degree in the subject, she decided to approach Voluntary Action Sheffield, to look for a new challenge.

### Responding to a need

After meeting representatives from the volunteer centre, Margaret was offered a number of opportunities to get involved:

*"At first, I wasn't sure whether volunteering was right for me, but I felt that I could always try it and see what it's like. I wanted to give it a go, and since then I've never looked back."*

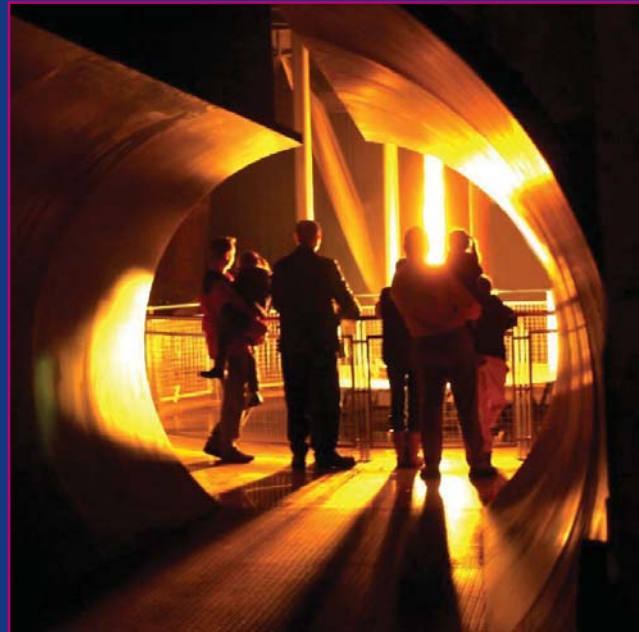
*"There were lots of different organisations looking for volunteers, but I decided that I wanted to find something that I would find both interesting, as well as being able to make a contribution."*

After some consideration, Margaret applied to join Magna's volunteer programme. She had previously visited the centre with her grand children:

*"I've always been interested in social history, and it seemed like the perfect opportunity to help me to combine my skills from the workplace and my hobbies."*

Margaret currently works one day a week working alongside Esme McQuillan, Volunteer Manager at the centre. Since joining the volunteer programme, she has taken on a number of responsibilities, including undertaking the administration for the Yorkshire Museum, Libraries and Archives volunteer co-ordinators forum. This group is aimed at promoting collaboration and best practice throughout the region among managers of volunteers.

*"For me, it was important that I felt like I was contributing. I wanted to find something that interested me, and getting involved at Magna was a good way of helping me to keep active".*



### PROFILE IN BRIEF

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### Who do you work with?

- Magna
- Museums, Libraries and Archives Forum

***"At first, I wasn't sure whether volunteering was right for me, but I felt that I could always try it and see what it was like. I decided to give it a go, and getting involved at Magna has helped to keep me active as well as giving me a chance to pursue my interest in social history".***

## Amazing achievements

When Margaret began work with MLA, the group was on the brink of closure. Funding for the project had run out, and although the scheme was proving to be a success, the forum was planned to close in September 2007.

Esme McQuillan believes that Margaret's contribution at Magna has helped the group continue and as a result, the working relationship between museums and libraries throughout the region has been improved:

*"The MLA is a valuable resource for the sector. It enables individuals to share ideas, discuss effective ways of encouraging people to use the centres as well as helping to create a closer working relationship between different types of facilities. Without Margaret's help, the MLA faced an uncertain future, and her contribution to maintaining this valuable resource has been vital".*

After successfully completing her history degree at Sheffield Hallam university, Margaret is currently working towards an MA. Volunteering has enabled her to explore new interests, make new friends and keep active:

*"I really enjoy volunteering, it helps me feel useful, and valued. It's also given me a chance to combine the skills I learned during my working career alongside my interests in social history."*

**For more information on getting involved with volunteering contact your local volunteer centre.**

### Doncaster Volunteer Centre

Doncaster CVS Volunteer Bureau,  
Units 5 & 6 Trafford Court,  
DONCASTER  
South Yorkshire  
DN1 1PN  
**Tel:** 01302 343300 **Fax:** 01302 321121  
**Email:** doncastervb@doncastercvs.org.uk  
**Website:** www.doncastercvs.org.uk  
**Opening Hours:** Mon 10 - 2 , Tues 10 - 3, Thurs 2 - 7

### Sheffield Volunteer Centre

The Circle  
33 Rockingham Lane,  
SHEFFIELD  
South Yorkshire  
S1 4FW  
**Tel:** 0114 253 6600 **Fax:** 0114 2536601  
**Email:** vc@vas.org.uk  
**Website:** www.vas.org.uk  
**Opening Hours:** Mon - Thurs 10.00 - 4.00

### Volunteer Centre Barnsley

33 Queens Road  
BARNSELY,  
South Yorkshire  
S71 1AN  
**Tel:** 01226 295 905 **Fax:** 01226 206 580  
**Email:** volunteer@vabarnsley.org.uk  
**Website:** www.vabarnsley.org.uk  
**Opening Hours:** Mon - Fri 9.00 - 4.30

### Volunteers Centre Rotherham

Voluntary Action Rotherham,  
Durlston House  
5 Moorgate Road,  
ROTHERHAM  
South Yorkshire  
S60 2EN  
**Tel:** 01709 834464 **Fax:** 01709 829822  
**Email:** volunteering@varotherham.org.uk  
**Website:** www.varotherham.org.uk  
**Opening Hours:** Mon - Fri 9:00 - 4:00