



VOLUNTARY FURNITURE RESTORER (York)

The Community Furniture Stores are a group of three charities – in York, Selby and Scarborough - that support people in need in the local community by collecting and reusing unwanted furniture, electrical appliances and paint. We sell furniture at affordable prices with discount for those on a low income. We offer training and work experience opportunities for people facing barriers to employment.

As a charity volunteers play an important part in our operations. Volunteering provides an opportunity to share your skills and experience with others, or to learn new skills and gain valuable work experience.

The role of Furniture Restorer

Would suit someone with stamina who is reasonably fit, who can provide quality workmanship and likes attention to detail. Someone who previously has, or would like to gain, experience in the area of furniture renovation, woodworking and joinery

What you will be doing:

- Be part of a team transforming unwanted household goods into saleable items
- Preparing second hand furniture for upcycling or breaking into parts for recycling
- Stripping woodwork and metal manually and/or using specialised products
- Repairing joints and damaged items
- Preparing surfaces for painting or varnishing

What we would like you to do:

- Dismantle items for repair or recycling using tools such as plyers, hammers or hand saws.
- Use scraping tools, sand paper and water based stripping fluids to remove finishes and paint from items.
- Use appropriate tools to carry out repairs and carry out finishing work.
- Follow the Supervisor's instructions and carry out the work required

- Work as part of a team
- You may be asked to demonstrate and share your skills with other volunteers
- Ensure that a safe working environment is maintained at all times
- Volunteer at least one day a month for a minimum of three months; shorter term placements may be available for people able to offer a minimum of three days a week.

What training will be provided

- Manual Handling
- Health and Safety at Work
- Guidance and instruction on the use of specific tools and methods.

Supervision will be provided by the Workshop Supervisor and/or Store Manager. You will be provided with appropriate protective clothing and equipment.

For further information call the York store and speak to the Jo, the Store Manager, or email Jo@cfstores.org.uk