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PERSONAL PROFILE

Friendly and approachable aspiring Tour Guide with informal experience planning local walks and showing visiting friends and family around York. Confident speaking to small groups, explaining local history and adapting routes to different interests and walking abilities. Brings strong organisation, a helpful attitude and enthusiasm for making visitors feel welcome. Seeking an entry-level role with training to develop professional guiding skills.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Informal Local Guiding

Friends and family

2024 - Present
York

Arrange occasional sightseeing walks for visiting friends and relatives, introducing them to York's historic streets, landmarks and visitor attractions.

- Planned two-hour walking routes for groups of up to six people, allowing time for breaks and questions.
- Researched landmarks such as York Minster and the city walls using official attraction websites and local information.
- Shared short, engaging explanations of local history, adjusting the level of detail to suit each group.
- Checked opening times and suggested suitable places to eat and visit.
- Adapted routes for wet weather and visitors who preferred shorter walks.

Community Event Helper

Local Neighbourhood Group

2022 - 2026
York

Helped welcome visitors and support organisers at two community events.

- Greeted attendees, explained the event programme and directed them to activities.
- Answered questions about facilities and referred other enquiries to organisers.
- Helped set up information tables and keep shared areas tidy.
- Worked with other volunteers to support the smooth running of each event.

Additional info

Driving licence **B**

Skills

Local history knowledge
Walking route planning
Time management
Google Maps, Microsoft Word and PowerPoint
Research and fact checking

Education

A levels | [School or College Name], York 2022-2024
History (B), Spanish (B), Geography (B)
GCSEs | [School Name], York 2020-2022
Eight GCSEs, including English Language (6) and Mathematics (5).

Languages

English **Native speaker**
Spanish **Advanced**