



Passport to your future

Your future, your hands

What did people think about the Taster day?

It helped me to see the type of work that I would be doing and enabled me to see the great team I would be working with.

Just wanted to let you know that we had our first taster day today and we are all buzzing! It was a fantastic, rewarding and inspirational day for all involved. Line Manager.

In the future we will always do a Taster day for all recruitment. Line Manager.

It was very different that we had a formalized opportunity for people to find out before committing to a job application. This is the first time I have known this happen. Line Manager.

I was excited when we did the Taster day. I did a lot of planning and it was a good development opportunity for me. It was good to think about how to engage people not involved with the NT. Line Manager.

We had a washing line activity at the beginning of the Taster day. We asked people to hang things on the washing line which expressed what they were worried about and what they were looking forward to. We then looked at how we had changed their attitude during the day and how effective we had been during the day. Line Manager.

At the Taster day we gave people objects and clues and they had to make up stories. This enabled people to learn about the house even if they didn't take on the role. Line Manager.

The team were really enthusiastic and welcoming and gave us a full understanding of what would be involved and more about the role itself.

The lady that guided us through the House was extremely likeable, knowledgeable and her passion came through, which made the day, for me, really special and come alive. I particularly liked, that we were invited to participate, by cleaning one of the pictures in the drawing room. I will not forget that painting or the story that went with it!

The Taster day was excellent because it demonstrated the traineeship on a practical level and even allowed us to have a go, so that we could directly experience some of the wonderful roles that we would learn in the traineeship, and that we would learn them through practical experience.

The taster day gave an excellent overview of the type of things that would be expected. Not just from the day to day workings, but how the scheme is structured. Filling out your own passport to your future and developing the skills in that year that you want, in order to help clear the path for your own working career. The personal project seemed really interesting as well as the opportunity to learn from all the experienced staff.

The chance to go to a taster day which was invaluable in giving you a feel for the role - it's a great idea as you're more likely to get genuinely interested candidates applying once they've experienced the job in some way. For me it was also reassuring as I am very nervous about applying for jobs due to problems with anxiety and depression. I also liked not having to send a CV which seems a bit outdated and formal - much better to have an application form where questions are more specific to the job as it makes it easier for potential candidates to show their suitability for the role.

I had very little information before the taster day. I didn't really know anything much about the opportunity and the Job Centre didn't know anything. When I went on the taster day, I was given lots of information and the staff were amazingly helpful and explained the whole process. Add to that the friendly and welcoming people, the beautiful gardens and amazing opportunity and I didn't want to leave. I learned a lot about what the placement meant, both for myself and National Trust and it definitely made me want to apply.

The main benefit for me was that it gave me an opportunity to experience the place, to get a taste of the work involved and to meet the people working there, some of the volunteers and some of the other potential applicants. It was great to be able to try out some of the tasks and to form an idea of what it might be like to work at the property. I really enjoyed the experience and was pleased the weather was cold, windy and the rain pelted down as it confirmed to me that yes I do want to spend my life working outdoors in a beautiful and awe inspiring location whatever the weather.

I knew my lack of education would never get me anywhere near these types of jobs roles and was a little concerned that I may struggle in the theory side of things but this has been fully explained and am now confident that I can do this

I think the Taster Day was unique, it's a pity other companies/organisations don't do this. It enabled me to experience first-hand what the role encompassed and meet the team that I might be working with. It's a brilliant idea!