

Volunteer Description: Virtual Field Trip (VFT) Docent 2021-2022 School Year

During the 2020-2021 school year, the Holocaust Center for Humanity adapted our popular field trip program to a virtual field trip that is accessed by students and teachers via Zoom in their homes or classrooms. These [virtual field trips](#) (VFTs) allowed students to begin to understand the history of the Holocaust, and that their choices make a difference, through artifacts and stories from local Holocaust survivors. A knowledgeable docent highlighted key stories, artifacts, images, and pivotal events featured in the exhibit and students were able to ask questions as well. Because of the overwhelming success of this program, the HCH seeks to gather and train more VFT docents to provide impactful presentations that students will remember.

Why: Our virtual field trips would not be complete without our team of knowledgeable docents who lead students and teachers through the experience. Given the expected increase in demand for VFTs, the Center is excited to enlist motivated volunteers in order to deliver high-quality programs to all groups that request one.

What: As a VFT docent, you will be able to sign up for spots with different schools and age groups (grade 5-12). These spots will be at preselected times and dates, and you can choose field trips that work best with your schedule. During the program, you will take students through a multimedia 3D scan of the Holocaust Center's core exhibit, "Finding Light in the Darkness," that highlights specific, age appropriate stories from our museum via artifacts, images, and videos. VFTs both set historical context and zero in on specific local survivor stories. You will also engage with students by prompting inquiry and reflection, and answering questions that may come up.

Being a VFT docent will include:

- Attending a VFT training session in October
- Delivering a 45 presentation about the Holocaust on Zoom
- Engaging with both the students and teachers to answer any questions
- Following along with the HCH created powerpoint and presentation outline

When: Training for VFT docents will take place in mid-late October 2021. 1 hour volunteer shifts will mostly occur on weekdays, 8 AM-3 PM, from November 2021- June 2022. We ask docents to commit to at least 10 shifts (10 hours) in the school year.

Where: VFT docents may complete field trips from the comfort of their home!

Who: VFT docents should have:

- Understanding of basic Zoom features and how to use them (mute/unmute, using the chat, etc.)
- **Note:** Proficiency in Powerpoint and Zoom is greatly appreciated. An ability to screen share is highly desirable, however, tech support volunteers will be available to be paired with each docent per VFT.
- Patience and flexibility
- Wonderful interpersonal skills with folks of all ages and backgrounds
- Awareness of basic Holocaust history -- but no need to be an expert
- A vested interest in helping fulfill the Holocaust Center's [mission](#)
- Ability to pass a Washington State background check
- Ages 18 and older are eligible

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