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The Old Royal Naval College, sitting in the heart of the Maritime Greenwich UNESCO World Heritage Site, has a very interesting and complicated history since being founded five centuries ago by a former Duke of Gloucester.

Visitors are attracted to its Palace architecture on the edge of the Thames, but it is difficult to understand its purpose without the help of expert guides. Fortunately, the existence of over a hundred volunteers, enables this monument to be both entertaining and educational at the same time. Without the volunteers fulfilling various roles, the visitor experience would undoubtedly be the poorer.

Volunteering also helps to improve the wellbeing of those people who step up to play a part in Greenwich's rich history. It can help them to gain valuable new skills and experiences, as well as boosting their personal confidence.

As President of the Greenwich Foundation, I thank you all for the vital role you play in enriching the visitor experience, and very much look forward to visiting Greenwich again and to meeting as many of you as possible when this current situation eases.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Richard'.