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Workshop Volunteer ♦ Open Strings Music CIC

The organisation/project

Open Strings Music is a Brighton-based social enterprise which has been running community music projects in the city and beyond since 2013. We offer participatory music as a tool for connection in a variety of community-based settings: for mental health, with older people, with people with learning disabilities, and with people with dementia and their carers.

The role

We have been commissioned by Brighton & Hove CCG to run Sing Healthy Play Happy - our weekly creative music project promoting dementia-friendly communities - from 2016-2019. We have a vacancy for one sessional volunteer to join our delivery team in one of these settings, working alongside two facilitators for ten weekly sessions in a senior (AKA sheltered) housing scheme in East Brighton. This group has been playing and exploring instruments, singing, and creating new songs together, and comprises a lively and friendly mix of people living with dementia, their carers and tenants of the housing scheme. This volunteering role is an opportunity for anyone interested in learning more about participatory music for wellbeing in a hands-on group setting.

Time commitment

The sessions run in blocks of 10 weeks - weekly on Monday mornings and / or Friday mornings each term; volunteers are required to attend all ten sessions per block. Volunteers are required to attend the weekly 30-minute post-session debrief as part of the delivery team, as well as one one-to-one volunteer check-in per block.

Training

There will be an hour's briefing and practical session as an induction before the volunteer's first session. Ongoing training is provided as part of the sessions and debriefs / team meetings.

Location

East Brighton.



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Arts Connect Volunteer ♦ Culture Shift

The organisation/project

A programme of activities designed to support adults with learning disabilities to engage in the arts and develop their talent and interests. The programme has been commissioned by East Sussex County Council's Adult and Social Care team and Arts Council England, as well as other funders. Our programme offers supported opportunities to artists and others wanting to develop skills in this area.

The role

We are looking to recruit up to 10 volunteers, with groups of 3-4 volunteers supporting each of our Get Creative courses and Get Connected events. On the courses, you will work alongside a lead artist and our project coordinator, Julia Roberts and support participants on a 1-1 basis, or small group basis, with supervision and support from the two project leaders.

Time commitment

For the Arts Connect courses we expect volunteers to commit to supporting 2 creative activities (courses and/or masterclasses) and 1 or 2 Get Connected events.

Training

Training and ongoing mentoring/support will be offered to all volunteers. This will be arranged at mutually convenient times, either on a 1:1 or small group basis.

Location

Based across East Sussex including: Lewes, Bexhill, Hastings, Crowborough and Eastbourne - mutually agreed in advance travel expenses can be paid by the organisation (up to £15 per session).



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Graphic/Digital Design Volunteer ♦ Drop4Drop

The organisation/project

DROP4DROP believes everyone, everywhere, has the right to clean water. We're an independent charity who work with businesses and individuals, to give communities in need access to safe, clean drinking water. We are a dedicated, small team of people creating a big impact.

The role

The role is varied and interesting, volunteers will be doing a mix of great stuff, such as typesetting and layout for business proposals, helping design great content to publish across social media as well as assisting with wider charity projects.

Time commitment

We request volunteers to commit to a minimum of 3 months for one office day per week – (9am–5pm) or split across 2 days (10am-3pm), with a 1 hour lunch break.

Training

Induction, plus we have a support network of designers who are on hand to answer any questions, and a brand team to assist and direct every project brief.

Location

Based in Portslade, Brighton and Hove area.



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Gallery Assistant ♦ O N C A Gallery

The organisation/project

O N C A is an environmental charity, art gallery and co-working space. Through our programme of exhibitions and events we seek to raise awareness of environmental issues and inspire positive action through the arts.

The role

Assist the Gallery Manager and O N C A team by invigilating exhibitions and events. Help with set-up and take-down, welcome the public, handle ticket enquiries and serve refreshments. Document performances, providing support to artists and helping with social media where necessary. Day-to-day housekeeping.

Time commitment

Minimum of 6 hours per month.

Training

Volunteer induction before first shift.

Location

Based in central Brighton.



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Front of House Art Work Volunteer ♦ Job Centre Plus

The organisation/project

Jobcentre Plus is part of the Department for Work and Pensions – a Government body. It pays benefits to people of working age, such as Job Seeker's Allowance and Working Tax Credits to individuals and families on low incomes. It also provides Work Coaching for members of the local community who are seeking employment, as well as its Work Club and Work Programme initiatives. – All helping people plan, prepare and find work.

The role

In October 2017 we will be introducing Universal Credit and our clientele is going to be changing and expanding. We would like to use this opportunity to create a more welcoming and vibrant space for our visitors – the local community – and our staff members.

Can you help us transform our dreary uninspiring front of house space into something that reflects the vibrant cosmopolitan atmosphere of Brighton and Hove? Can you help create a colourful and inviting space that will welcome our clients?

We are looking for a volunteer (or volunteers) to design and create bespoke canvas artwork which will be displayed in our welcome area.

Time commitment

No minimum. - Until completion of your artwork however. A timeline will be mutually agreed at the beginning. Our offices are open Monday to Friday only.

Training

Induction and guidance will be provided.

Location

Based in Portslade, Brighton and Hove area.



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Museum Assistant ♦ Brighton Toy and Model Museum

The organisation/project

Step into a world of toys and models that extends over four thousand square feet of floor space, under four of the early Victorian arches which support Brighton Railway Station. Founded in 1991, the museum has over ten thousand toys and models in its archive. We have toys from as early as the mid-18th century, however, most of our exhibits focus on the golden age of toy making during the first half of the Twentieth Century. The displays have toys of all types including priceless model train collections and many period, antique toys from Great Britain and all over Europe and the USA.

The role

Your role is to greet visitors and answer their questions about the museum and the city – we are also a Visit Brighton information point. You will be responsible for admissions, shop sales, general appearance of museum – which includes cleaning of all areas.

Time commitment

Flexible - days/times to be mutually agreed.

Training

Training and induction provided to all new volunteers before starting.

Location

Based in central Brighton.



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Graphic Designer Volunteer ♦ NHS Support Federation

The organisation/project

We are an independent pressure group that campaigns to protect and improve the NHS, keeping it true to its founding principles. We undertake communication projects and perform research to inform the public and influence policy.

The role

This is a volunteer opportunity to work in a campaign and research environment, helping to create concepts and output to communicate our work to protect and promote the NHS:

- To work on the development of concepts from presentation to delivery, including page layout, typesetting, image and colour correction, proofing e.g. reports and information briefings.
- To produce effective and appropriate design solutions for a variety of digital media, including typographic, photographic and illustrative elements e.g. infographics, social media promotional graphics, images for web content.

Time commitment

3 months for 3-4 hours per week.

Training

Full induction, mentoring from a creative director and guidance for work.

Location

Based in central Brighton.



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Mural Art Design and Painting Volunteer ♦ Ronald McDonald House Charities

The organisation/project

Ronald McDonald House Brighton works alongside the Royal Alexander Children's Hospital and the Trevor Mann Baby Unit, looking after the families of very sick children in hospital. We provide a free 'Home from Home' while there child is receiving care from the hospital, with all the facilities of a home with the added benefit of friendly supportive staff who are on hand to assist families at any time.

The role

Here at Ronald McDonald House Brighton we have a wonderful, comfortable, homely place to offer families with sick children. In spring 2017 student volunteers from the University of Brighton designed and painted a fantastic mural for part of our stairway. We have had such a wonderful response from families and people we have visit the House, it would be lovely to bring some colour to the other floors with another mural. We are looking for volunteers to work together to design and paint a bright and happy mural template for a wall space either side of the second flight of stairs at the House.

Time commitment

The House is open for volunteers 7am-9pm. Ideally, the mural would be painted in one (8 hour) day as the last one was done, but understandably there is time needed for the design to be made in advance.

Training

Induction to the organisation.

Location

Based in Kemptown, Brighton.



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Canvas Art Design and Painting Volunteers ♦ Ronald McDonald House Charities

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The role

Here at Ronald McDonald House Brighton we have a wonderful, comfortable, homely place to offer families with sick children. We are interested in getting a canvas painted for each bedroom of our 18 bedroom House. Each one different but all to have a 'Brighton' theme to help our rooms feel a little more personal and welcoming. We are open to ideas for the design and would welcome some creative thoughts, whilst volunteers are expected to consult with and follow guidance from staff at Ronald McDonald House Brighton.

Time commitment

The House is open for volunteers 7am-9pm. Project timeline to be agreed in advance.

Training

Induction to the organisation.

Location

Based in Kemptown, Brighton.



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Kids Class Assistant Volunteer ♦ Sew Fabulous CIC

The organisation/project

Sew Fabulous is a sewing studio located in Brighton Open Market. We run classes for adults, teens and kids. We run funded classes for local low waged/unemployed adults. We have a repairs, alterations and sewing service.

The role

Prepare resources for the class (with guidance from teacher).
Assist in the delivery of the class: 1.5 hours on a Wednesday 4-5.30pm.
Tidy up and debrief.
Update social media with photos from class.

Time commitment

3 months (1 school term) for 3 hours per week.

Training

Induction training – 2 hours.

Location

Based in Brighton.



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Social Media, Promotion and Admin Volunteer ♦ Sew Fabulous CIC

The organisation/project

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The role

Help Sew Fabulous with the promotion of classes.
Design and manage some social media content.
Some basic admin in the studio.

Time commitment

This role requires a minimum time commitment of 2.5-3 hours a week for 1 school term/3months. As with many organisations, volunteers are welcome to undertake more time if they wish to.

Training

Induction training – 2 hours.

Location

Based in Brighton.



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Engagement Officer – Creative, Media & Communications Volunteer ♦ Sport Brighton

The organisation/project

Parklife, Sport Brighton's social & recreational sport brand, allows University of Brighton students and staff a variety of flexible and affordable participation and workforce opportunities for a complete university experience.

The role

If you have a creative passion for photography or design, a love for all things social media, or fancy yourself a descriptive genius in journalism or blogging then these roles can be suited to your individual skill-set providing you the perfect voluntary outlet to build your experience and portfolio. Join the ever-growing fun and social Parklife team, apply your passion and make the most of your University experience.

Time commitment

We encourage officers to commit to their role for one whole academic year however this is flexible. Term-time only; flexible 1-4 hours per week.

Training

Parklife programme induction is provided.

Location

Based on campus at the University of Brighton.



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Story Mentor Volunteer ♦ Little Green Pig Writing Project

The organisation/project

We are a writing and mentoring charity for young people in Sussex. We believe in the right to write, and that this vital form of self-expression builds confidence, communication and literacy skills.

The role

Story mentors do a very important job at Little Green Pig, supporting young people in our workshops to get inspired by writing and get their words on the page. Not only that, you'll be helping build their confidence and communication skills. Workshops are usually two hours long with 30 minute briefing and debrief sessions before and after.

Time commitment

Ideally 3-4 hours per week for 6 months, committing to regular weekly shifts. A minimum of 4 shifts in one 6 month period.

Training

Volunteers are required to attend a short info session in which they will meet some of the LGP team and learn about the role, and then a longer (2.5 hour) training session. These are held every couple of months.

Location

Based in Brighton and Hove.



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Heritage Costume Making Volunteer ♦ Hastings Pier Charity

The organisation/project

The Hastings Pier Charity owns the pier and leads the Heritage Lottery funded project, which has restored the pier. The vision for the restored Hastings Pier is to allow everyone, without exception, to understand, appreciate and experience the Pier. It does through activities that are rooted in the continuing story of seaside culture and heritage.

The role

The purpose of this role is to support and enhance our interpretation and schools programme by adding to our resources through the creation of historical replica costume. To make and maintain historical costumes for our staff, volunteers, school group, exhibitions and visitor facing activities. There is also the option to be involved in visitor facing days offering interpretation on costume history and demonstrations of costume making.

Time commitment

Meetings will held once a month on a Tuesday morning. We advise a minimum commitment of six months and attendance at alternate meetings to gain the most for your role. There is also the option to take items home to sew.

Training

Half day welcome induction with the Education and Volunteer Coordinator and a visit to a local site that has a large collection of costumes. All materials will be supplied.

Location

Based in Hastings.



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