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Costume Store Assistant Volunteer ♦ Gladrags

The organisation/project

Gladrags is a charity run mainly by volunteers. We are a unique, creative resource providing costumes (6000 + of them!) to schools & colleges, community/youth groups; amateur & fringe arts. We resource their community, arts, educational and wellbeing projects, supporting and enriching their work. As well as offering very affordable costume hire, we deliver a programme of educational workshops and provide a dress-up tent and 'Storybox' activities at community events and venues. We subsidise this by providing party outfits to the general public, from classy vintage to fun fancy dress.

The role

- Costume hire
- Costume making
- Costume care
- Costume inventory/categorisation

Volunteers can combine aspects of this role to suit their interest and experience; they may want to combine with some of our other volunteer roles (workshop assistant; event worker; research worker); they may prefer to focus on just one aspect of this role. They can work in the store, from home, or combine the two.

Time commitment

Minimum of 3 months, ideally longer. Opening hours: Tuesday and Wednesday 10-3, Thursday 10-6 and Saturdays 10-1 by arrangement only. It is important that volunteers are reliable and come in at agreed times. Hours: 4-6 weekly/fortnightly, with 3 hours as a minimum. Working from home would be self-managed.

Training

Support given and access to relevant general voluntary sector training. Sewing skills training at all levels is offered to all volunteers.

Location

Brighton.



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Creative Artistic Volunteer ♦ Sussex Beacon

The organisation/project

We are a charity called the Sussex Beacon which is an HIV treatment centre supporting people living with HIV.

The role

The volunteers will be working closely with the shop managers to help design and paint the wall outside St James Street store and some items at our home store on London road. The idea we have so far for St James Street is our logo and some Victorian writing linked to fashion and clothing.

Time commitment

The time frame would be around 4 weeks but if students wanted to stay on as a store volunteer they would be welcome to. Completely flexible volunteering hours – although our shops are open from 9.30 to 5.00. Applicants need to be committed to the project – start to completion.

Training

Training includes inductions in both shops, health and safety guidelines and we offer training on HIV awareness.

Location

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

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.

Time commitment

We are delighted to announce our programme for spring 2018.

GET CONNECTED: Lively, interactive networking events for learning disabled people, carers, service managers, artists & cultural organisations. We can all learn from each other and get connected. Chichester Festival Theatre on 2 March 2018. Further Get Connected events are also coming up in Haywards Heath and Worthing in the spring – TBA.

GET INTO HERITAGE: Aims to increase access to heritage sites for people with learning disabilities in Sussex with a view to developing sustainable relationships to support future visits and activity. Courses run over 5 weeks and led by an arts practitioner working closely with heritage staff at each site. Courses offer creative ways to explore and find out about the heritage at each site. Birling Gap on 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 March 2018. Weald and Downland on 12, 19, 26 April & 3, 17 May 2018.

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

Across Sussex – please see 'time commitment' section above.



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Photography Volunteer ♦ BevFest 2018

The organisation/project

We are a community group of volunteers who are organising a family music festival to provide free entertainment for all residents and get people socialising and engaged.

The role

The photographer is required to capture the different elements of the festival in photographs. We would like to use the photographs for marketing purposes. We would like to showcase the fun of the event, the community spirit, the community engaging together, the free activities for all ages, the music festival as a venue, the sports and games going on. Pictures depicting all different age groups having fun.

Time commitment

At least one shift on 7th July 2018, 2pm-4.30pm and/or 4.30pm–9pm.

Training

There will be an introduction pack emailed and a chat over the phone before the event. Also a briefing session on the day and support from the volunteers.

Location

Based in Brighton.



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Art Therapy Volunteer ♦ Newhaven Foyer

The organisation/project

We are a supported housing project in Newhaven housing 40 vulnerable 16-25 year olds. We provide 24-hour staffing to support residents with finances, benefits, living skills, relationships and similar.

The role

The role is very flexible as it very much depends on the interests of the volunteer. We have a programme called 'Discovery College' which is a range of workshops. They are very varied and currently include a running club, healthy eating, guitar tuition and art therapy, amongst others. We will happily look at anything that an individual would like to run as long as it is relevant to the needs/interests of our young people.

Time commitment

Completely flexible although it would need to be regular i.e. a 1 or 2 hour workshop every week for a period of time or short term placements which could be for less time but more intensive e.g. a 6-week workshop twice a week. This will give the volunteer valuable experience and will also mean that they can develop relationships with our young people and staff.

Training

There will be some online training to complete including safeguarding and data protection. There may also be opportunities to take part in other training opportunities.

Location

Based in Newhaven, a 45 minute bus ride from Brighton along the east coast.



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Creative Director and Set Design Volunteer ♦ Kennedy St

The organisation/project

We have been trialling our peer-led Community Connections group; weekly sessions providing social entrepreneurial support and recovery coaching to those:

- Living with an active addiction that are interested in transforming their lives through recovery and social enterprise
- For those who are in recovery from substance misuse who need support to sustain recovery
- For those whose addiction has contributed to long term unemployment but are willing to try a new way
- For ex-offenders leaving prison, who are interested in recovery.

The role

We are looking for a volunteer who can help out with the creative look and simple set design of our new pilot called Transformation Talks, a series of filmed short talks told by inspirational speakers (4 weekly) who have a lived experience of recovery & transformation, who are doing or hoping to do great things in the community. Tasks involved in the project:

- Create a logo and brand identity that works well with the Kennedy St logo
- Create a look and simple set design (think TED talks but a bit more street)
- Help set up the brand identity before launch date of 3 February 2018, working closely with social media volunteer
- Work closely with film director to establish good communication and continuity.

Time commitment

5 hours per week until project completion.

Training

Comprehensive induction and training provided.

Location

Based in Hove.



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Film Director Volunteer ♦ Kennedy St

The organisation/project

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- Living with an active addiction that are interested in transforming their lives through recovery and social enterprise
- For those who are in recovery from substance misuse who need support to sustain recovery
- For those whose addiction has contributed to long term unemployment but are willing to try a new way
- For ex-offenders leaving prison, that are interested in recovery.

The role

We are looking for a volunteer who can help out with directing our new pilot called Transformation Talks, a series of filmed short talks told by inspirational speakers (4 weekly) who have a lived experience of recovery & transformation, who are doing or hoping to do great things in the community. Tasks involved in the project:

- Directing the filming of our weekly talks starting 3 February 2018, 6pm-9pm
- Working with the editing of the footage into 10 minute, 2 minute and 30 second films so it's TV quality
- Working with the camera and sound person to make sure all corresponds.

Time commitment

5 hours per week until project completion.

Training

Comprehensive induction and training provided.

Location

Based in Hove.



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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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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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Canvas Art Design and Painting Volunteers ♦ 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. 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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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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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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Image: University of Brighton arts volunteers and their painted wall mural at Ronald McDonald House Charity, Brighton in 2017