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## **Brighton Festival Gallery Volunteer ♦ 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 during Brighton Festival 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 hrs per week during Brighton Festival in May 2018.

### **Training**

Induction/briefing provided.

### **Location**

Based in Brighton.



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### Costume Production Volunteer ♦ Beleza

#### The organisation/project

Beleza School of Samba is a social enterprise that aims to bring Brazilian samba to Brighton to engage all sections of the community. We have a dance section and a instrument section (the bateria) and we perform at a range of community events across the city. We also parade at Pride and we support a number of charities and community groups. This year we are being supported by a grant from the Arts Council to engage the local community in the development of our samba school and to support performances at Fringe festival and Pride. We are very excited to have the opportunity to bring our artistic vision to life and to have the opportunity to work with members of the community, local groups and volunteers.

#### The role

We are looking for a volunteer to help with our costume production for our drummers and other players in our bateria for Brighton Pride 2018. Our designs are based on the heritage of Brighton and we have a small group of willing helpers who are able to sew and work along with the artistic volunteer co-ordinator. The volunteer will be involved in costume production for our drummers and other players and there may be other opportunities to support costume production for our dancers. The volunteers will be fully acknowledged for their work and references and testimonials will be provided. The volunteer will also have the opportunity to see the finished costumes at Brighton Pride this summer and would be welcome to join us on the day for photos.

The deadline to apply is 30 April.

#### Time commitment

Up to 8 hours per week for 3 months.

#### Training

Induction provided.

#### Location

Brighton.



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### Brighton Festival Exhibition Volunteer ♦ Lighthouse

#### The organisation/project

Lighthouse is an arts and culture agency producing, supporting and presenting new art, film, music, design and games. Lighthouse presents Last Dance: Re-imagined Futures a programme of free talks, workshops and events exploring ritual, ceremony and the future of culture by pivotal figures who independently contribute to the cultural landscape both locally in Brighton and beyond.

#### The role

We are looking for friendly volunteers to support our programme during Brighton Festival in May. It's a great chance to learn about the Arts sector and what we do at Lighthouse.

Roles include:

- Front of House
- Point of contact
- Invigilator.

#### Time commitment

One shift. Shifts are:

Tuesday 8th May 5:30 - 10pm  
Thursday 10th May 4:45 - 9:15pm  
Friday 11th May 4:45 - 9:15pm  
Saturday 12th May 4:45 - 9:15pm

#### Training

Induction provided.

#### Location

Based in central Brighton.



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## Front of House Volunteer for Brighton Festival ♦ Fabrica

### **The organisation/project**

Fabrica is a contemporary art gallery in Brighton with an educational mission. Currently in its 21st year it has shown work from Anish Kapoor and Brian Eno.

Upcoming exhibition:

David Shrigley  
Life Model II  
14 April – 28 May 2018  
#ShrigleyAtFabrica  
#BrightonFestival  
co-produced with Brighton Festival.

### **The role**

As a Front of House volunteer, you will gain first-hand experience of audience interaction and the important role exhibition visitors' play in all aspects of any given exhibition. Where applicable, students will also have the opportunities to volunteer during exhibition installation, artists talk, workshops, film club and all other exhibition related activities.

### **Time commitment**

At least one shift 3.5 hours per week. Volunteering at Fabrica is flexible and works perfectly with students' busy schedule. We are open daily throughout Brighton Festival in May 2018.

### **Training**

Training in all areas applicable to the role.

### **Location**

Based in Brighton.



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### Visitor Assistant Volunteer ♦ Volks Railway

#### The organisation/project

Volk's Electric Railway is the oldest electric railway in the world. We work with over 120 volunteers every year and provide opportunities for artists, engineers and heritage enthusiasts to develop skills and knowledge by volunteering.

#### The role

- To work as part of a team of volunteers providing all visitors with a warm welcome and introduction to the Volk's Electric Railway.
- Provide a friendly meet and greet service to all visitors to the railway.
- Answer visitor queries, including providing information regarding the running of the trains. To answer visitor enquiries and phone calls, passing these on to colleagues where necessary.
- To provide assistance to visitors with additional needs (training will be provided for this).
- To help conduct visitor surveys as required.

#### Time commitment

Two to three 5-hour shifts per month.

#### 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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## **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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## **Garden Greeter Volunteer ♦ Brighton Pavilion**

### **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**

We are currently looking for volunteers to join our Garden Greeter team for the Royal Pavilion Estate through the summer season. As a Garden Greeter, you will buddy with 2 other Greeters in the Royal Pavilion Garden, greeting visitors to the Estate, answering queries, directing people, giving out information about what's on, and sharing learned knowledge about the estate, the Garden, and its buildings.

### **Time commitment**

The opportunity is for six months, with shifts of 2.5 hours available each morning and afternoon on Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays, and bank holidays during April – September 2018. You can offer as much or little time as fits with you, but we do ask for a minimum of two shifts per week if possible.

### **Training**

Full induction training provided to introduce volunteers to the role and the Pavilion.

### **Location**

Based in Brighton.



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## **Silver Strings 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.

Silver Strings is Open Strings Music's weekly music project for older adults who've always wanted to play a stringed instrument. Everyone is welcome, regardless of previous experience - no music reading is necessary, everyone can choose the material we play and we even provide the instruments (violin, viola, cello). As well as rehearsing weekly, we perform at community events round the city.

### **The role**

This volunteer's role is to give support to beginner / intermediate violin & viola players, helping them develop their confidence, including demonstrating and advising on helpful posture and technique. Some individuals would benefit from one-to-one support with music reading. The volunteer will also be required to support more generally within the session, e.g.: helping people listen to and play with each other.

### **Time commitment**

Tuesday mornings. The sessions run weekly on Tuesday mornings. We'd prefer the volunteer to attend weekly but fortnightly would also be possible in the case of a reliable volunteer.

### **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**

Central Brighton.



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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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## **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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## 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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## **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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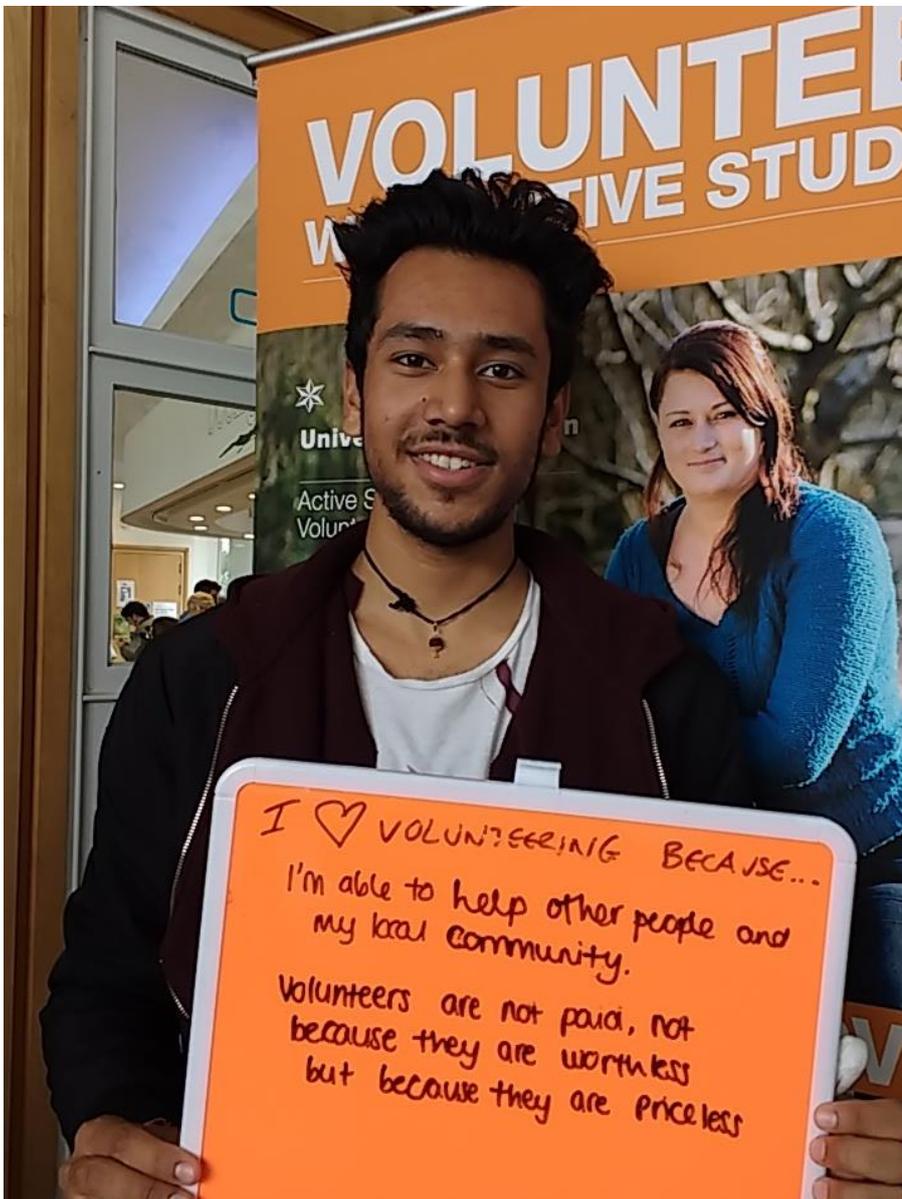
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