



Arts Uplift CIC Volunteer Role Description

Suitcase Stories 2 Volunteer –

To help out with our Suitcase Stories 2 project. This is a music and heritage project in Worcestershire supporting people living with dementia and their carers. The project involves small groups working with a member of the Museums Worcestershire team with museum objects to inspire memories, and our musicians who are gathering memories for a final musical performance.

We are looking for an enthusiastic volunteer to assist us with the following:

- To sit in at workshops and help talk to participants and carers to make them feel welcome
- To meet and greet participants to the sessions
- To sit with the group and help to get them talking about their stories
- Any other general support, such as serving refreshments, taking the register and the entrance fee

- **What skills, experience, and characteristics would someone need to carry out the role?**

Volunteers can come to us with little experience, and Arts Uplift will support you to develop new skills.

Volunteers must be:

- Happy to work as part of a team
- A good listener
- Flexible
- Enthusiasm for heritage or museum spaces and music
- Good communication skills
- Reliable with good time-keeping skills

It is desirable, but not essential for Volunteers to have:

- Experience working with a wide range of people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities

- Experience working with diverse and less well-accessed communities and cultural organisations, understanding potential barriers

- **Where will the volunteer be based?**

This is a short-term project at the following venues/dates:

Community workshops (fortnightly)

Mondays from 5th November 2018-12th August 2019 2.30pm-4.30pm

Forge Mill Needle Museum, Redditch

Fridays from 9th November 2018-16th August 2019 10.30am-12.30pm

Wallace House Community Centre, Evesham

Please let us know which location you would prefer and if you are able to attend all 21 workshops

Monthly workshops (just music not reminiscence)

2nd Tuesday of the month at Artrix Arts Centre from 1.15pm-3pm starting 13 November 2018

Please let us know if you are able to attend all 12 workshops

- **What support/training can we offer new volunteers**

In the first instance we would ask potential volunteers to come in for a chat, or have a phone discussion about the role.

The training would be 'on the job' by volunteering alongside staff, artist and other volunteers.

- **Any other comments**

This can be a very rewarding role, you will get to meet and work with all sorts of people in a fantastic environment. It's something a bit different to be involved in.

For further information, please contact Arts Uplift's Director Jenny Davis, jenny@artsuplift.co.uk or 07946 585978